



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 29 September

...Philip...told him the good news about Jesus...
Acts 8:35

Morning Service

Evangelism for normal people

Acts 8:26-40

Mr Sam Moore

**How pleased and blessed was I
to hear the people cry,
"Come, let us seek our God today!"
Yes, with a cheerful zeal
we haste to Zion's hill,
and there our vows and honours pay.**

**Zion, O happy place,
adorned with wondrous grace,
and walls of strength her streets surround;
God's people here draw near
to pray, and praise, and hear
the glorious gospel's joyful sound.**

**There David's greater Son
has fixed His royal throne,
He sits for grace and judgement there:
He makes His people glad,
He makes the sinner sad,
and humble souls rejoice with fear.**

**May peace attend your gate,
and joy within thee wait
to bless the soul of every guest!
All those who seek your peace,
and pray for your increase,
a thousand blessings on them rest!**

**My tongue repeats her vows,
"Peace to this living house!"
For here my friends and family dwell;
and since my glorious God
makes you His blessed abode,
my soul will always love you well!**

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

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Prayer

Acts 8:26-40

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

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27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,

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28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. **29** The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” **30** Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet.

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“Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

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³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

**“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.**

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33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?”

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35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

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38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

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39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

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40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Children's Talk

**Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining
in the darkness so people can see.**

**Jesus wants me
to be a brave flame burning
with His love as He wants me to be.**

**Though it's hard, I know,
when the feelings go
and the darkness is pressing me in,
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,
it's His light that will make me shine,
it's His light that will make me shine.**

Crawford Mackenzie

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Prayer

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour,
Lord and King,
that all the world
His worthy praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
He will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of His word?**

Go forth and tell!
Where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concern of heart and mind,
a love like Yours
which cares for all mankind.

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide;
share God's good gift
–let no one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers
for His sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O church of God arise.
Go in the strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations His great name adore
and serve Him,
Lord and King for evermore.**

James Edward Seddon 1915-83

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**Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King,
let His song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God rich in mercy
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom
to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ,
walking justly before Him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

**King of Heaven we will answer the call,
we will follow bringing hope to the world.**

**Filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness
and a hope yet to come,
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

**King of Heaven we will answer the call,
we will follow bringing hope to the world.**

**Filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Evening Service

Shaping The Future

Keep on running!

1 Samuel 12:1-5

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made
this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.**

**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that
You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came
to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.**

**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that
You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

**And I'll never know
how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.**

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**So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that**

You're my God:

**You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.**

Tim Hughes

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Prayer

1 Samuel 12. ¹⁻⁵

Samuel said to all Israel,
“I have listened to
everything you said to
me and have set a
king over you. ² Now you
have a king as your
leader. As for me, I am
old and grey, and my
sons are here with you.

1 Samuel 12. 1-5

I have been your leader
from my youth until this
day. ³ Here I stand. Testify
against me in the
presence of the LORD and
his anointed. Whose ox
have I taken? Whose
donkey have I taken?
Whom have I cheated?
Whom have I oppressed?

1 Samuel 12. 1-5

**From whose hand have I
accepted a bribe to
make me shut my eyes?
If I have done any of
these things, I will make it
right.”**

1 Samuel 12. 1-5

4 “You have not cheated or oppressed us,” they replied. “You have not taken anything from anyone’s hand.”

1 Samuel 12. 1-5

**⁵ Samuel said to them,
“The LORD is witness
against you, and also his
anointed is witness this
day, that you have not
found anything in my
hand.”**

“He is witness,” they said.

**Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver,
purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord.**

**I choose to be holy
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.**

**Purify my heart,
cleanses me from within
and make me holy.**

**Purify my heart,
cleanses me from my sin,
deep within.**

**Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy
set apart for You, my Master,
ready to do Your will.**

Brian Doerksen

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Prayer



Keep on running

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1 Samuel 12.¹⁻⁵

**Soldiers of Christ, arise
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
through His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts
and in His mighty power,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in His great might
with all His strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the weapons of our God.
To keep your armour bright
attend with constant care,
still walking in your captain's sight
and keeping watch with prayer.**

**From strength to strength go on:
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down
and win the well-fought day:
till, having all things done
and all your conflicts past,
you overcome through Christ alone
and stand complete at last.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
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Amen.**