



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 13 October**

**...watch out for those who cause divisions...  
Romans 16:17**

# **Morning Service**

**The Good Way  
Up close and personal  
Romans 16:1-23  
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Praise ye the Lord; for it is good  
praise to our God to sing:  
for it is pleasant, and to praise  
it is a comely thing.**

**God doth build up Jerusalem;  
and He it is alone  
that the dispers'd of Israel  
doth gather into one.**

**Those that are broken in their heart,  
and grieved in their minds,  
He healeth, and their painful wounds  
He tenderly up-binds.**

**He counts the number of the stars;  
He names them ev'ry one.  
Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r;  
His wisdom search can none.**

**Psalm 147 v1-5**

**Prayer**

## Romans 16:21-23

**21 Timothy, my co-worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my fellow Jews.**

**22 I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.**

## Romans 16:21-23

**<sup>23</sup> Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings.**

**Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.**

# Children's Talk

**Come on, come in, everybody!**  
**There is a God who is worthy**  
**of all our praise – He alone is Lord.**  
**Come on and join with creation,**  
**let everything shout to praise Him,**  
**Glory to Christ –**  
**He's the one who made us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.**

**Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

**Come on, come in, all you weary,  
come on and find rest with Jesus,  
He is the one who can heal your soul.  
Come on and join with the angels,  
praising the Lamb who was faithful,  
Giving His life – He's the one who saved us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.**

**Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

**Come on, you saints, keep believing,  
gather to hear the Lord speaking.  
Humble your hearts, tremble at His voice.  
Come in with joy for the future,  
He will renew heaven and earth,  
Jesus is Lord – He's the one who'll raise us.**

**Lift up your voices to heaven's king,  
bow down before His throne.  
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin.  
Hallelujah!  
Praise to Jesus Christ the king.**

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# Prayer

**Come, all you vagabonds,  
come all you 'don't belongs'  
winners and losers,  
come, people like me.  
Come all you travellers  
tired from the journey,  
come wait a while, stay a while,  
welcomed you'll be.**

**Come all you questioners  
looking for answers,  
and searching for reasons  
and sense in it all;  
come all you fallen,  
and come all you broken,  
find strength for your body  
and food for your soul.**

**Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in,  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.  
The wonder of the love,  
and the power of grace.**

**Come those who worry  
'bout houses and money,  
and all those who don't have  
a care in the world;  
from every station  
and orientation,  
the helpless, the hopeless,  
the young and the old.**

**Come all believers  
and dreamers and schemers,  
and come all you restless  
just searching for home;  
movers and shakers  
and givers and takers,  
the happy, the sad  
and the lost and alone.**

**Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place.  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in,  
with the wonder of love,  
and the power of grace.**

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# Prayer

**The Good Way**  
**Up close and personal**  
**Romans 16:1-23**

## Romans 16:1-20

**I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae.**

**<sup>2</sup> I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>3</sup> Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>5</sup> Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.**

**<sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.**

**<sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**9 Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys.**

**10 Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test.**

**Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>11</sup> Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew.**

**Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>12</sup> Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.**

**<sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them.**

**<sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss.**

**All the churches of Christ send greetings.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>18</sup> For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.**

## Romans 16:1-20

**<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.**

**O church arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword  
that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.**

**When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross,  
where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!**

**And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this vict'ry march continues till the day  
ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.**

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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**

**Amazing grace**

**1 Samuel 12:16-25**

**Rev Jerry Middleton**

**○ Lord our God,  
how majestic is Your name,  
the earth is filled with Your glory.  
○ Lord, our God, You are robed in majesty,  
You've set your glory above the heavens.**

**We will magnify  
we will magnify  
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

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the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**O Lord our God,  
You have established a throne,  
You reign in righteousness and splendour.**

**O Lord our God,  
the skies are ringing with Your praise,  
soon those on earth will come to worship.**

**We will magnify  
we will magnify  
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**We will magnify  
we will magnify  
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

**○ Lord our God,  
the world was made at Your command,  
in You all things now hold together.  
Now to Him who sits on the throne  
and to the Lamb,  
be praise and glory and power for ever.**

**We will magnify  
we will magnify  
the Lord enthroned in Zion.**

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**Phil Lawson Johnston**

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# Prayer

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**16 “Now then, stand still and see this great thing the LORD is about to do before your eyes! 17 Is it not wheat harvest now? I will call on the LORD to send thunder and rain. And you will realize what an evil thing you did in the eyes of the LORD when you asked for a king.”**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**18 Then Samuel called on the LORD, and that same day the LORD sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel.**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**19 The people all said to Samuel, “Pray to the LORD your God for your servants so that we will not die, for we have added to all our other sins the evil of asking for a king.”**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

<sup>20</sup> “Do not be afraid,”  
Samuel replied. “You  
have done all this  
evil; yet do not turn away  
from the LORD, but serve  
the LORD with all your  
heart.”

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**21 Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless.**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

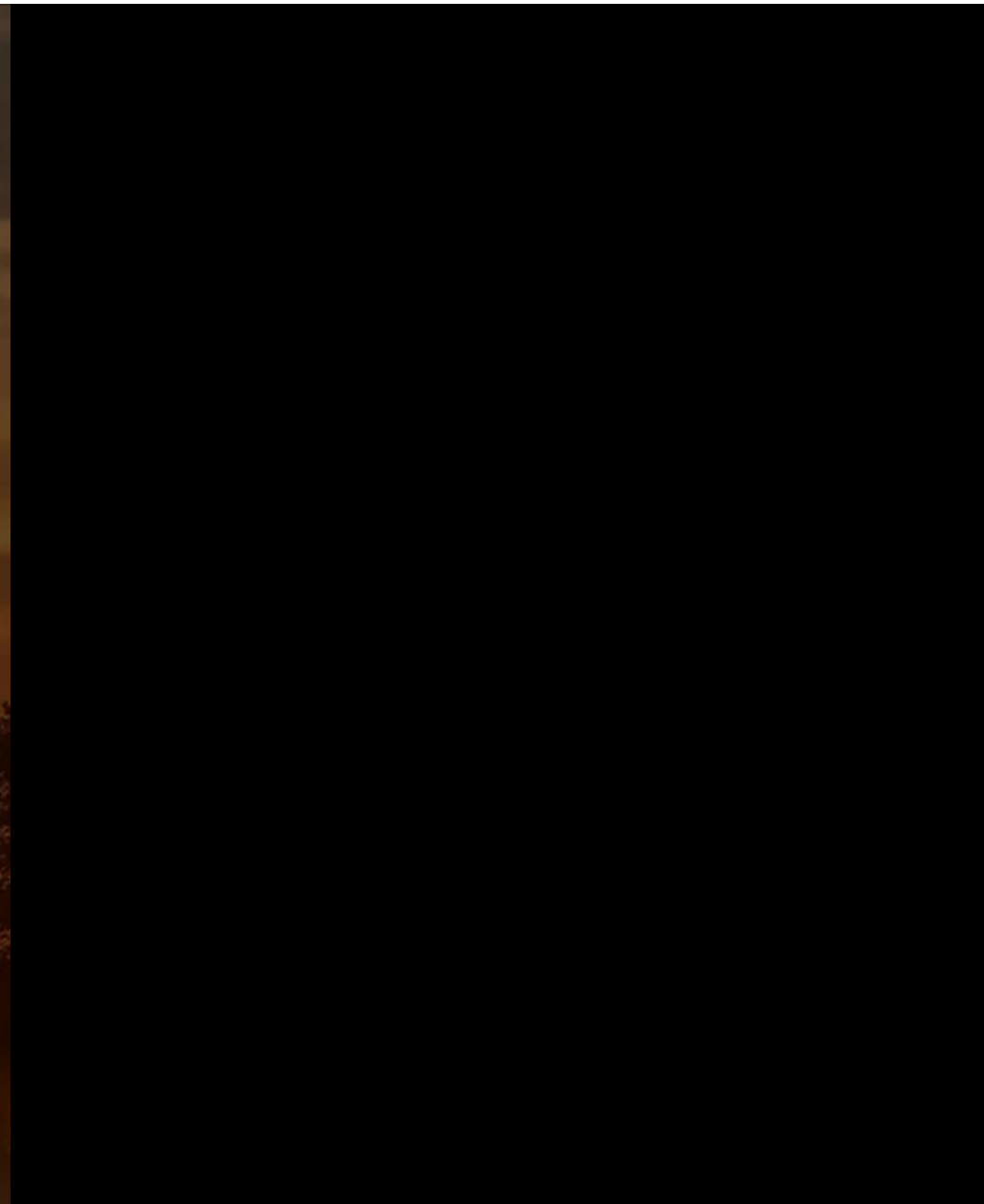
**<sup>22</sup> For the sake of his great name the LORD will not reject his people, because the LORD was pleased to make you his own. <sup>23</sup> As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**And I will teach you the way that is good and right. <sup>24</sup> But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.**

## **1 Samuel 12. 16-25**

**<sup>25</sup> Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will perish.”**



**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not.**

**Thy compassions they fail not,  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter,  
and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is Thy faithfulness;  
morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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**Amazing grace!**

shaping the future

1 Samuel 12.<sup>16-25</sup>

**Prayer**

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and Grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that Grace appear,  
the hour I first believed!**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free,  
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free,  
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing Grace.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.**

**But God who called me here below,  
will be forever mine, will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.**

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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.**