



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 6 October

**...join me in my struggle...
Romans 15:30**

Morning Service

**The Good Way
Serving Christ fruitfully
Romans 15:22-33
Rev Jerry Middleton**

**Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt His name;
when in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.**

**Of His deliverance I will boast
till all that are distressed
take comfort from God's help to me
and find in Him their rest.**

**The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance He provides for all
who in His mercy trust.**

**O taste His goodness, prove His love!
Experience will decide
how blessed are they, and only they,
who in His truth confide.**

**Fear Him, you saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
His service shall be your delight,
your needs shall be His care.**

Nahum Tate 1652-1715, Nicholas Brady 1659-1726

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Prayer

Romans 15:30-33

³⁰ I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Romans 15:30-33

31 Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favourably received by the Lord's people there,

Romans 15:30-33

³² so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. ³³ The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Children's Talk

**Teach me to trust You, Lord Jesus,
help me to draw close to You.
Let me be filled with Your joy and delight,
Lord, may I know more of You.**

**Teach me to pray to You, Jesus,
please give me the right words to say.
Help me to pray for my friends at school,
so they may get to know You.**

**Teach me to love You, Lord Jesus,
show me the things I must do.
Help me to get to that place, O Lord,
where I can be close to You.**

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Prayer

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.**

**Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.**

**Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;**

give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

**Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.**

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Romans 15:22-33

**We won't fear the battle,
we won't fear the night.
We will walk the valley,
with You by our side.
You will go before us,
You will lead the way,
we have found a refuge,
only You can save.**

**Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us?**

**Even when I stumble,
even when I fall,
even when I turn back,
still Your love is sure.
You will not abandon,
You will not forsake,
You will cheer me onward
with never ending grace.**

**Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
the Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us?**

**Neither height nor depth can separate us,
hell and death will not defeat us,
He who gave His Son to free us
holds me in His love.**

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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

The gospel in brief

1 Samuel 12:6-15

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow Thee,
rise up and follow Thee.**

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

**With that deep hush subduing all
our words and works that drown
the tender whisper of Thy call,
as noiseless let Thy blessing fall
as fell Thy manna down,
as fell Thy manna down.**

**Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace,
the beauty of Thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!**

John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-92

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Prayer

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

6 Then Samuel said to the people, “It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of Egypt.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

7 Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the LORD as to all the righteous acts performed by the LORD for you and your ancestors.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

8 “After Jacob entered Egypt, they cried to the LORD for help, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your ancestors out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

9 “But they forgot the LORD their God; so he sold them into the hand of Sisera, the commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hands of the Philistines and the king of Moab, who fought against them.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

¹⁰ They cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned; we have forsaken the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths. But now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve you.'

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

11 Then the LORD sent Jerub-Baal, Barak, Jephthah and Samuel, and he delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around you, so that you lived in safety.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

12 “But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was moving against you, you said to me, ‘No, we want a king to rule over us’—even though the LORD your God was your king.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

13 Now here is the king you have chosen, the one you asked for; see, the LORD has set a king over you.

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

14 If you fear the LORD and serve and obey him and do not rebel against his commands, and if both you and the king who reigns over you follow the LORD your God—good!

1 Samuel 12. 6-15

15 But if you do not obey the LORD, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your ancestors.



The gospel in brief

shaping the future

1 Samuel 12.⁶⁻¹⁵

Prayer

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,
and clothed me in His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fear to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take;
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all
to love and follow Him.**

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Communion

**What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?**

**Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum.**

**Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?**

**What Father, so tender,
is calling us home?**

**He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor,**

our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What riches of kindness
He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford,
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

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Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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