



Gilcomston Church

Sunday 20 October

**...to the only wise God be glory for ever through
Jesus Christ...
Romans 16:27**

Morning Service

The Good Way

For the display of His splendour

Romans 16:25-27

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praise should sing?**

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King.

**Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same for ever,
slow to anger, swift to bless:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows:
in His hands He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:**

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him!

Widely as His mercy flows.

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise Him, praise Him!
Praise the high eternal One.**

**Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him;
all who dwell in time and space.**

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise Him, praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

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Prayer

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,

Romans 16:25-27

²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—



Romans 16:25-27

²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Children's Talk

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He said the sons of Abraham
would be more than the grains of sand.**

**And so, His family grew
underneath the Pharaoh's rule.**

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He said the blood upon the door
would keep the Israelites secure.**

**And so, He stayed His hand
and led them to the Promised Land.**

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this:
God always keeps His promises.**

Oh, God He always keeps His promises.

**He gave us laws to be obeyed
and we broke every one He made.**

**But when we ran from Him
God said He'd take care of our sin.**

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this
God always keeps His promises.**

**Oh, God He always keeps His promises.
He said His Son would set us free
through His death at Calvary.
He suffered in our place
and then He rose up from the grave.**

**Our God is good and true,
He cannot lie to me and you.
We can be sure of this,
God always keeps His promises.**

Bob Kauflin / Jonathan W Althoff

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**Lord, for the years
Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word,
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed
by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world,
when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves,
in living power remake us -
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith

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Prayer

The Good Way
For the display of His splendour
Romans 16:25-27

**Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.**

**Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.**

**I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way,
one with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure,
Christ is mine forevermore.**

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thomson
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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

Faith in action

1 Samuel 13:1-14

Rev Jerry Middleton

**All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust He shall renew;
He, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
calls my heart to be His own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray His trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us His gifts of love;
in His will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above.
Love shall stand at His hand,
joy shall wait for His command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ His Son.
Hear Christ's call one and all:
we who follow shall not fall.**

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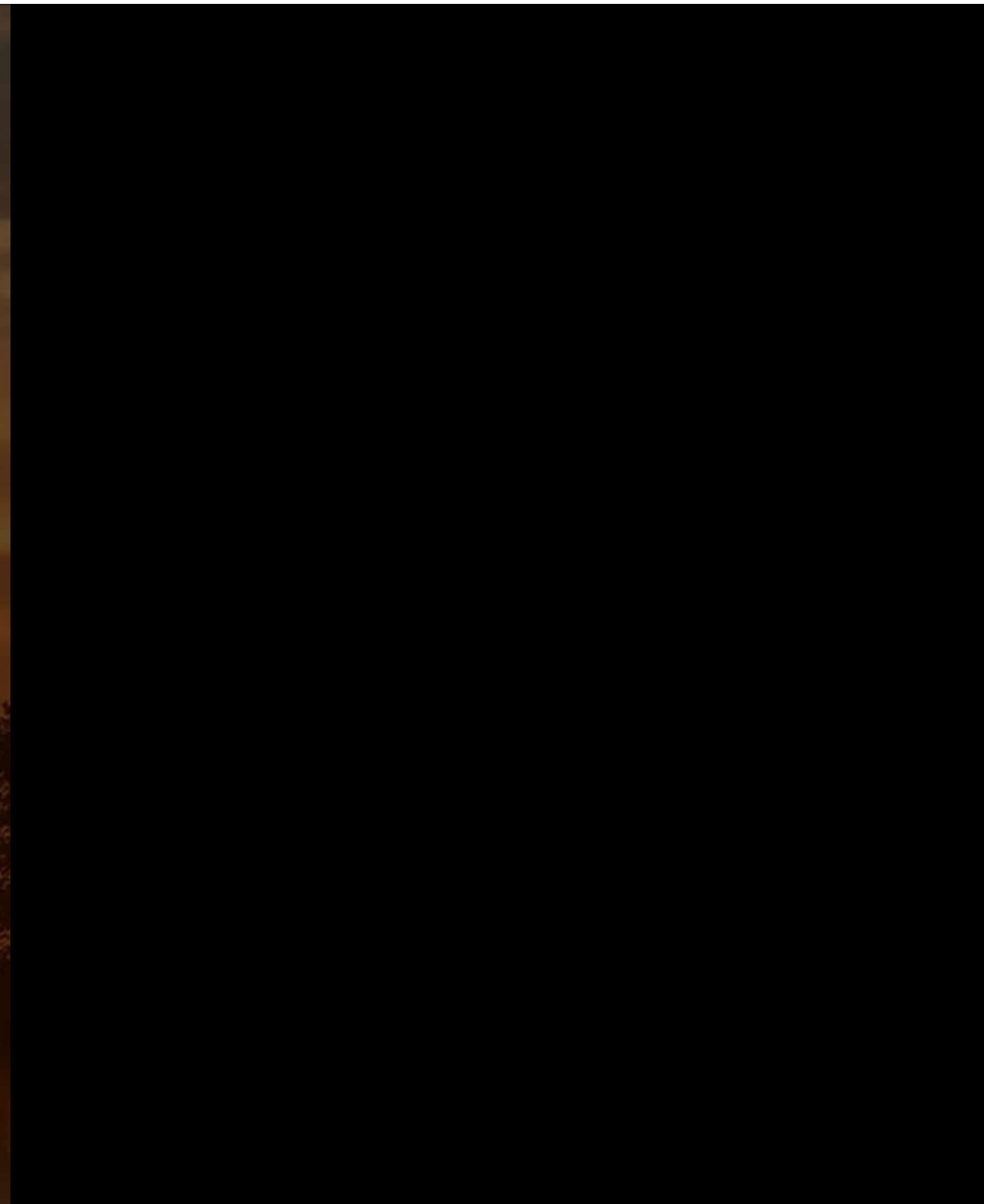
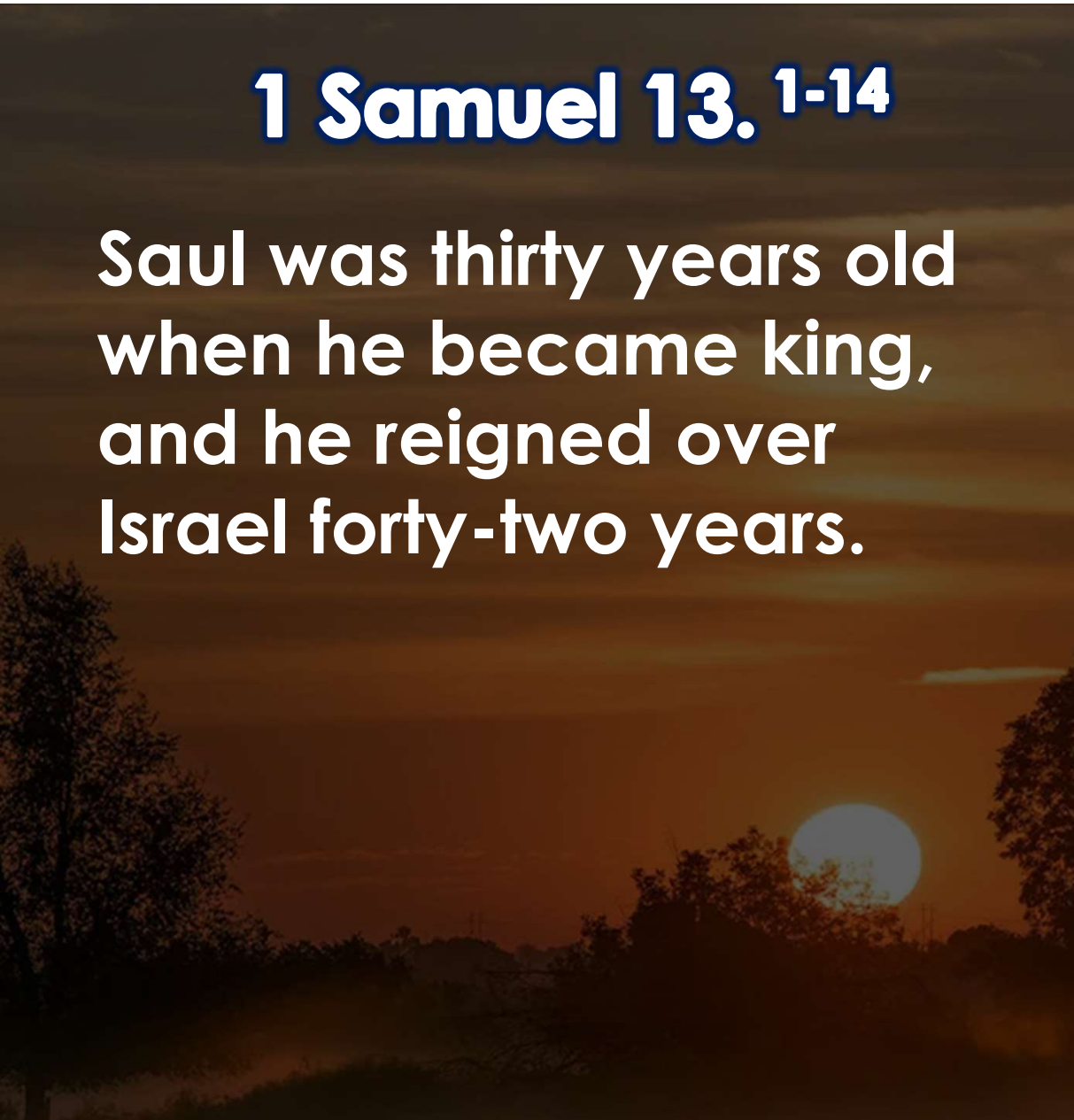
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Prayer

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

Saul was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned over Israel forty-two years.



1 Samuel 13. 1-14

² Saul chose three thousand men from Israel; two thousand were with him at Mikmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan at Gibeah in Benjamin. The rest of the men he sent back to their homes.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

³ Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba, and the Philistines heard about it. Then Saul had the trumpet blown throughout the land and said, “Let the Hebrews hear!”

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

4 So all Israel heard the news: “Saul has attacked the Philistine outpost, and now Israel has become obnoxious to the Philistines.” And the people were summoned to join Saul at Gilgal.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

**⁵ The Philistines
assembled to fight Israel,
with three thousand
chariots, six thousand
charioteers, and soldiers
as numerous as the
sand on the seashore.**

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

They went up and camped at Mikemash, east of Beth Aven. ⁶ When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

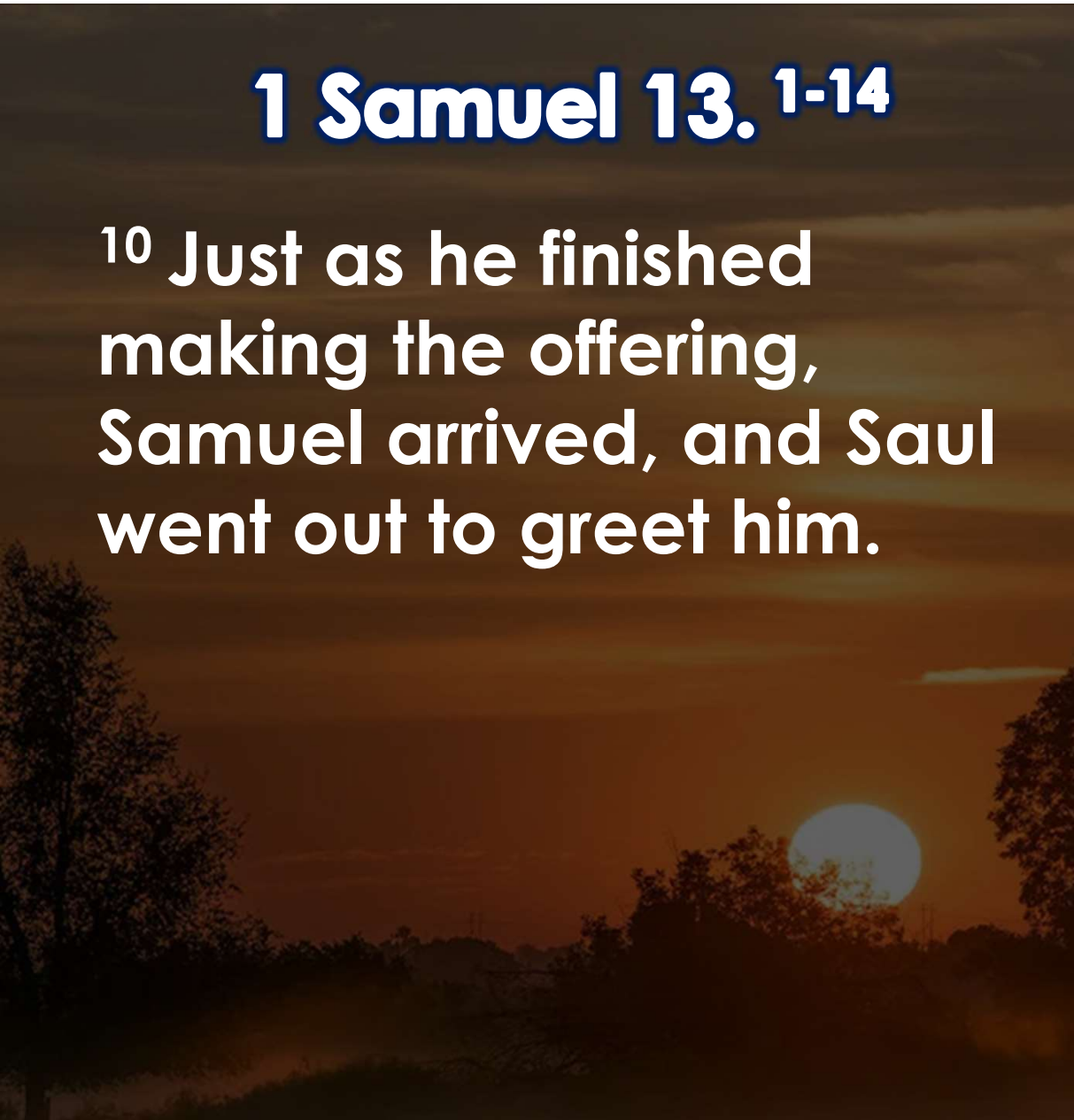
⁷ Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

⁸ He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter. ⁹ So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." And Saul offered up the burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

10 Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.



1 Samuel 13. 1-14

11 “What have you done?” asked Samuel. Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikmash,

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

12 I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favour.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

13 “You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.

1 Samuel 13. 1-14

14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

**From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**You are faithful to forgive
that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me—
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair,
love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe—
we will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

Prayer



Faith in action

shaping the future

1 Samuel 13.¹⁻¹⁴

**By faith we see the hand of God;
in the light of creation's grand design
in the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah
would appear
with the power to break the chains
of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives
and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.**

**Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.**

**We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished
and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

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and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**