

Sunday 17 November 2024

Galatians 5:16–26Leading
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1 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.

2 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 every side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have
the prize for which he died—
an inheritance of nations.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

3 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 victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see him.

4 So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,

give grace for every 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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We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Children and young people leave for their groups

Leader Fear not, O Jacob my servant,
All Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

Leader For I will pour water
on the thirsty land,
All and streams on the dry ground;

Leader I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
All and my blessing on your descendants.

Leader They shall spring up among the grass
All like willows by flowing streams.

Leader This one will say,
All 'I am the Lord's',

Leader another will call on the name of Jacob,
and another will write on his hand,
**All 'The Lord's',
and name himself by the name of Israel.**

Isaiah 44:2b-5 ESVUK

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,

your glory shines in all that you have made.
You spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness;
all earth replies: "majestic is your name!"
And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered;
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory;
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.
And who are we, that you would call us children,
and raise us up from death to life with you,
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the one who's making all things new!"

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home."

Prayers

Reading Isaiah 11:1–10 (p 695)

1 There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God our King
who reigns on high
forever more.*

2 And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.

He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.

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their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
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Reading Galatians 5:16–26 (p 1173)

Sermon Gwilym Davies

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heaven, to earth come down:
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, you are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,

let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temple leave.

You we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

3 Finish then your new creation:

pure and sinless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
there to cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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Next Sunday: Gwilym Davies will be speaking on Galatians 6:1–10.

Please pray for: Jenny, Wendy, Graham, Phil, Eliana, Elen, Doreen's family, Dick.

Gospel freedom

Gospel life: led by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16–26

Introduction: The trouble in Galatia

So what is our silver bullet in the battle against the flesh?

The Headline: _____

1. **Battle had already been joined with the flesh** (5:16–18)
2. **The gospel had already warned you about the flesh** (5:19–21)
3. **The Spirit is already producing fruit in place of flesh** (5:22–23)
4. **Christ's cross had already crucified the flesh** (5:24)

Conclusion: If you've got the silver bullet, what do you do with it? (5:25–26)

NOTICES

1. Join a small group: study the Bible regularly, in person, and get to know others in the church family.

International Growth Groups (IGG) are for students and workers who are in London from overseas just for a few years. This year studying Romans. To sign up, email: internationals@st-helens.org.uk

Central Focus is our Bible study evening for anyone at 10.30am, this year studying Romans. To sign up, scan the QR code or email: centralfocus@st-helens.org.uk



2. Church family lunch: Sunday 1 December. Spend time building one another up, get to know one another and show hospitality to newcomers. Bring your own or we'll have plenty on the day. Jacket potatoes £3.50 for adults and £2 for children. We're always looking for help, to cook, set up or tidy up, email: 1030am@st-helens.org.uk

3. Galatians Q&A: a chance to keep thinking about Galatians together and ask questions to our speakers, Sunday 1 December, 2–3pm in St Andrew's after church family lunch.

4. Women's event: ✨ **Christmas is Coming** ✨ Monday 2 December, 7pm. Join us for a festive evening of Christmas crafting. Tickets include supper, mulled wine & the materials. Evangelistic talk from Audrey Patterson. For details and to book: shb.org.uk/cic24

5. Investing in marriage: Saturday 25 January, 9.30am–1pm. Robin Sydserrff speaking. Sign up and register childcare needs: shb.org.uk/marriage Any questions or to volunteer to help with childcare, email: laura.geluch@st-helens.org.uk



6. Kenya trip: visit our mission partner Peter Muturi in Nairobi in 2025. If you're interested in joining email: nick.heeley@st-helens.org.uk for more information.

7. 10.30am AV or PA volunteers: no experience necessary. If you're willing to learn, and can react in a timely and calm manner, email: av@st-helens.org.uk