

Goliath was huge. Goliath was scary.
Goliath was smelly, and quite a bit hairy.
He wanted a battle. He wanted men dead.
Just one man to fight him, the word had now spread.
But all of God's people were scrawny and scared,
"Don't send me to battle, I've not come prepared."

The boy David was Jesse's littlest son,
He looked after sheep. Fought lions and won.
"I'll fight this Goliath!" the little boy said.
Goliath shouted, "You'll all soon be dead
Your God cannot save you, your army is done."
David laughingly thought "oh this will be fun!
Doesn't he know, there's not one that can beat,
The great Living God, no none can compete!"

David was fast. David was quick.
He chose five stones, a sling and a stick.
"Do you think I'm a dog? With that stick and your flair,"
"I'll feed you to beasts and the birds in the air!"

Goliath got closer. He carried a sword.
David was faithful, he served the Lord.
Now into his pocket, a stone he did pick.
And into his sling, then with one big flick.
Traveling through the air like infrared,
The stone hit the giant's huge forehead.
There was a massive gasp and a great big thud,
Oh this was going to be good!

Taking the sword, then with one big swoop,
Goliath's head was off. The crowd gave a whoop!
Oh what are the odds that a boy like he,
Could face a great giant with faith and such glee?
He saw God on His side. He's the hugest of all.
With God on your side, all your giants will fall.
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For next Sunday: 1 Samuel 17

³² "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" ³³ "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." ³⁴ But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!"

Let us bring to God our praise:

Strength is**commanding the wind and sea to obey,**

Strength is**wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

Strength is**accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,**

Strength is**standing in solidarity with the powerless.**

Strength is ... **turning a cheek,**

Strength is**loving an enemy.**

We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.
We go in the strength of the Lord. Amen.

We pray for people, places & concerns

Lord in your mercy – **Hear our prayer.**

My Notes

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night

All: **Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

Pray for Julie, Laurence, Josiah & Esther,
Tom & Phyllis.

Remember the bereaved families, including the families of Archie Campbell, Jean, Wullie & Fiona Wilson, Don Ross & Pauline Wilshin.



Julie's Study Leave
The Fellowship & The Guild
AV Team
Posada (Advent Journey)
This month's charity – Refuweege
Café Connect & Baby & Toddlers.
Kirk Session (meeting tonight)
Our youth groups & BB
School & SU Group
Discussions re Union.
Foodbank
Kilombero Rice sales.
Howard (Kilombero rice farmer)
Messenger.
Care Homes & Day Care
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**Give thanks for SU Camp & GoMAD;
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