

Sunday Morning – 28th July 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will preach on Psalm 28.

Praise my soul the King of heaven!

To his feet thy 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 chide, and 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.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him; dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Reading: John 14:1-14 (page 901)

Notices

1) LifeGroups - Wednesday evenings at 1 Dempster Terrace. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start as we work through John's Gospel using the <u>Word One</u> <u>To One</u> resource. Download the app beforehand if you can.

2) Women's Coffee Mornings – Join us for these opportunities for fellowship over July and August, continuing on Thursday 8th August at 10:30am-12pm at the home of the Daltons. Contact Erinn for more details: erinn@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk. Children also welcome.

3) Shipwrecked Holiday Club – For children going into P1–P7, <u>St Andrews</u> <u>Churches Holiday Club</u> is from 13th–16th August at Canongate Primary School playing fields. Sign up <u>here</u>.

4) Giving – You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking <u>here</u>. Our bank details are – A/c name: St Andrews Free COS; S/c: 80–09–55; A/c no: 00295283. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email (treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

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Children leave for Sunday School

Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge that we are poor sinners, prone to do what is evil, and incapable of any good apart from your grace. Have mercy upon us, gentle and merciful God, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may abound in love more and more, and be filled with the fruit of righteousness, to your glory and praise. Amen.

Prayer

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. 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 forever. Amen.

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Reading and Sermon: Psalm 28 (page 460)

Avoid the lie of self-sufficiency

Embrace the freedom of total dependence on the LORD

Psalm 28

- To you I call, O LORD my Rock;
 Do not be deaf to my loud cry.
 I'll be like those gone down to death,
 If you are silent in reply.
- 2 Receive my plea for mercy, LORD,
 As now I call to you for grace,
 As I lift up my hands in prayer
 And look to your Most Holy Place.
- 7 My heart uplifted leaps for joy; My thanks to him I gladly sing.
- 8 The LORD God is his people's strength, A saving fortress for his king.
- 9 LORD, save your people, your own flock;
 Be pleased your heritage to bless.
 Be their good shepherd; carry them
 For ever in your faithfulness.

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene, And wonder how he could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvellous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be; How marvellous! How wonderful! Is my Saviour's love for me!

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not my will, but thine;" He had no tears for his own griefs, But sweat drops of blood for mine. *How marvellous...*

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them his very own; He bore the burden to Calv'ry, And suffered and died alone. *How marvellous...*

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, 'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of his love for me. *How marvellous...*

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This evening's sermon focus will be Q. 122 of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Next week's services: 10.30am: Psalm 29 6pm: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 123

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