



St Andrews
FREECHURCH

Sunday Morning – 27th October 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Matty Guy will preach from Matthew 6:1–18.

Psalm 103

- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love—as high as heaven
Towards all those who fear the LORD!
- 12 As far as east is from the west,
So far his love has borne away
Our many sins and trespasses
And all the guilt that on us lay.
- 13 Just as a father loves his child,
So God loves those who fear his name.
- 14 For he remembers we are dust,
And well he knows our feeble frame.
- 15 Each human life is like the grass,
And like a meadow flower it grows.
- 16 Its place will never be recalled
Once over it the tempest blows.
- 17 But everlasting is God's love
For those who fear him, and their seed—
- 18 For those who keep his covenant,
And carefully his precepts heed.
- 19 God's kingly rule is over all;
In heaven he has set his throne.
- 20 O you his angels, praise the LORD,
Strong ones by whom his will is done.
- 21 O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,
His servants who perform his word.
- 22 Praise God, his works throughout his realm,
And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

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 forever,
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)

**Our Father in heaven,
we confess that we have done many things we should have left
undone, and failed to do many things you have commanded.
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Notices

'If you could ask God one question...?' – Join us for our guest services on the dates below. Find a digital flyer to share [here](#).

10:30am, 3rd November – *Where is God in suffering?*

6pm, 3rd November – *Does following God mean losing my freedom?*

10:30am, 10th November – *Is peace possible in a world of turmoil?*

- 1) Church Lunch** – Stay for lunch after this service. Bring your own food; soup will be provided. All are welcome.
- 2) During the week** – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch for more info about our weekly bible studies.
- 3) Christianity Explored** – Starting on Monday 28th October at 7pm, join us for seven weekly sessions investigating Jesus's life. Contact Emma at egcargile@gmail.com for more details.
- 4) St Andrews Reformation History Tour** – Anyone interested in joining a Reformation history walking tour around St Andrews on Thursday 31st October is invited to speak with Matt Ylitalo (ylitalom@hotmail.com) for more details.
- 5) 20s & 30s Social** – From 7pm on Monday the 4th November, venue TBC.
- 6) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 6th November at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All welcome!
- 7) Women's Brunch** – Please join us on Saturday 9th November from 10am–12pm in The Halls. We'll enjoy a potluck brunch and consider the question of *Church life: What is my part to play?*
- 8) Evangelistic Wreath-making** – On the evening of Friday 29th November for women of all ages. Start thinking and praying about guests you could invite to join.
- 9) Blythswood Shoebox Appeal** – Contact Fiona Hutcheson for more information (fionahutcheson59@gmail.com). Boxes must be returned by **next Sunday (3rd November)**.

10) Christmas Carol Services – Sunday 8th December, 5 & 7:30pm – If you are either a singer or a musician and available for both services, please get in touch: church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk or talk to a member of staff.

11) Giving – You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking [here](#). 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)

Children Leave for Sunday School

Interview

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.**

- 1 **Glorious things of thee are spoken,**
Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken
formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
never fails from age to age.
- 3 'Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them on their way.
- 4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton

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Intro: Virtue Signalling

1) The folly of performed religion

2) The freedom of true righteousness

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay:
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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This evening's sermon passage is Revelation 15:5-16:21.

Next week's services:

10.30am: Guest Service – *Where is God in suffering?*

6pm: Guest Service – *Does following God mean losing my freedom?*

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