



## Sunday Evening – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Mark McKillen will speak on Revelation 22:6–21.

### **'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes through creation:**

resplendent pow'r, eternal Word, our Rock.

The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord – whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in his wisdom laid aside his crown.

Jesus the man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord – the tomb is gloriously empty!

Not even death could crush this King of love!

The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' – a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
as he returns, and every knee bows low.

Then every eye and every heart will see his glory,  
the Judge of all will take his children home.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

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**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we acknowledge and confess in your presence  
that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.  
You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week –  
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,  
and we ask you to have mercy upon us.  
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,  
and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.  
And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,  
send your purifying grace into our hearts,  
that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways  
in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Psalm 24**

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| <b>7</b> You ancient gates, lift up your heads;<br>you doors, be opened wide—<br>So may the King of glory come<br>for ever to abide. | <b>9</b> You ancient gates, lift up your heads;<br>you doors, be opened wide—<br>So may the King of glory come<br>for ever to abide. |
| <b>8</b> But who is this exalted King?<br>What glorious King is he?<br>It is the LORD of strength and might,<br>the LORD of victory. | <b>10</b> But who is this exalted King?<br>Who can this sovereign be?<br>The LORD Almighty, he is King<br>of glory, none but he.     |

#### **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.**

# Notices

- 1) Christmas Services** – Join us for a Christmas Day service in the Halls at 10:30am, together with other churches in town. There will be no evening services on 29th December and 5th January.
- 2) Hope Explored** – A three-week series which provides an introduction to the Christian faith and explores the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life, starting in January. Click [here](#) to find out more and to express an interest.
- 3) Christmas Hospitality** – If you or anyone you know is on their own in St Andrews at Christmas, or if you would be willing to host someone, please let Stephen know ([stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)).
- 4) During the week** – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship have concluded for the year. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to [church@standrewsfreechurch](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch) for more info about our regular bible studies.
- 5) 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](mailto:treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk))

**Reading:** Isaiah 63:15–64:7; 65:17–19 (page 623)

**Silent night, holy night!**

All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
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Silent night, holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Joseph Mohr

**Reading and Sermon:** Revelation 22:6–21 (page 1042)

# Revelation 22:6-21

**Intro:** Do not seal up

**1. Christ Returns Suddenly: Come to Him**

**2. Christ Returns Soon: Persevere for a Little While**

**Conclusion:** Maranatha!

## Psalm 90

- 3 You turn all people back to dust and say,  
"O human race, to dust again decay."  
4 Because a thousand years are in your sight  
Like yesterday or like a watch by night.  
5 Into death's sleep you sweep them all away,  
For they are like the grass at break of day –  
6 Although it springs up new with morning light,  
It dries and perishes before the night.  
13 Return, O LORD! How long will you delay?  
Have mercy on your servants, LORD, we pray.  
14 O satisfy us with your love always,  
That we may sing, rejoicing all our days.  
15 In place of our affliction, make us glad;  
Give joy for all the years you made us sad.  
16 To all your servants may your deeds be shown,  
And to their children make your glory known.

### **Come, Thou long expected Jesus**

Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley, Christian Freidrich Witt

### **Next week's services:**

25th December, 10:30am: John 3:16

29th December, 10.30am: Proverbs 3:1–12

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