



# Free Church of St Andrews

## Sunday Morning – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on John 4:27–42.

### **Come People of the Risen King,**

who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

*One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change,  
and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice...*

Come, young and old from every land –  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands –  
find the riches of his grace.

Over all the world, his people sing –  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”!

*Rejoice...*

“Come People of the Risen King” Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Stuart Townend ©2007 Thankyou Music

### 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.**

**Reading:** Romans 10:9–17 (page 946)

## Psalm 96

- 1–2 O sing a new song to the LORD,  
sing praises to his name;  
And his salvation day by day  
let all the earth proclaim.
- 3–4 His glory and his mighty deeds  
to every land declare:  
How great and awesome is the LORD!  
With him no gods compare.
- 5 For other gods are wood and stone;  
the LORD made heaven's height.
- 6 All power and majesty are his;  
he dwells in glorious light.
- 7–8 All nations, to the LORD ascribe  
the glory that is due;  
Glory and strength ascribe to God,  
and praise his name anew.

# Notices

**1) Baking for MYC** – It would be wonderful if any of you would be willing to provide some baked goods for the coffee breaks at our student Mid-Year Conference. If you would like to make anything (by Tuesday 21st January), please contact Grace ([grace@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:grace@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)).

**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 on 27th January. Click [here](#) to find out more and to express an interest.

**3) During the Week** – Wednesday LifeGroups continue this week with everyone meeting at 1 Dempster Terrace at 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. Friday Fellowship continues as normal, while Thursday LifeGroups resume on 30th January. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to [church@standrewsfreechurch](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch) for more info about our regular bible studies.

**4) Evergreens** – Next meeting for a social this Tuesday (21st January) from 2–3pm at the home of Mark and Rhoda Dalton. If you need their address, email [church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

**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))

**Children leave for Sunday School**

**Guide me, O my great Redeemer,**  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty,  
hold me with your powerful hand:  
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and Hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever sing to you.

after William Williams (1717-1791)  
Peter Williams (1721-1796) and others

**Reading and Sermon: John 4:27-42 (page 889)**

# John 4:27-42

**Intro:** Brussel sprouts!

## 1. The food of Jesus is to do God's will

See Psalm 40:8; John 5:38; 6:30; Matthew 26:39

## 2. The work of Jesus is harvest

i) His work – see 19:30; 12:32

ii) Her witness – see 1:39, 45

## 3. The salvation of Jesus is for everyone

See 2:22-25

### Implications:

- People
- The time

## Psalm 51

- 1 O my God, have mercy on me  
in your steadfast love, I pray;  
In your infinite compassion  
my transgressions wipe away.
- 2 Cleanse me from iniquity;  
wash my sin away from me.
- 3 For I know my own transgressions;  
I can see my sinful plight.
- 4 You, you only, I've offended,  
and done evil in your sight;  
So your words are verified,  
and your verdict justified.
- 7 Cleanse with hyssop, purify me;  
I'll be whiter than the snow.
- 8 Let the bones you crushed be joyful;  
may I joy and gladness know.
- 9 From my failure hide your face;  
blot out all my wickedness.
- 10 Lord, create a pure heart in me,  
and a steadfast mind renew.
- 11 Do not take your Spirit from me;  
cast me not away from you.
- 12 Give me back the joy I had;  
keep my willing spirit glad.

## Lord's Supper

We use non-alcoholic wine.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us spiritually  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**I will sing the wondrous story**

of the Christ who died for me;  
how he left his home in glory  
for the cross on Calvary.  
I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
threw his loving arms around me,  
drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,  
faint was I from many a fall;  
sight was gone and fears possessed me,  
but he freed me from them all.  
Days of darkness still come o'er me,  
sorrow's path I often tread,  
but the Saviour still is with me,  
by his hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet,  
then he'll bear me safely over  
where the loved ones I shall meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952)

*This evening's sermon passage is 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16.*

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: Colossians 1:1-8

6pm: Micah 1

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