



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Sunday Morning – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Chad Van Dixhoorn will speak on  
Philippians 2:1–11.

### **Psalm 18**

- 1 I love you, LORD! You are my strength.
- 2 A fortress is the LORD to me—  
My rock and my deliverer;  
For refuge to my God I flee.

He is my stronghold and my shield,  
The LORD who saves me by his might.

- 3 I'll call on him and give him praise.  
I'm saved; he puts my foes to flight.
- 4 The cords of death entangled me;  
Destruction hit me like a wave.
- 5 Encircled by the snares of death,  
I faced the terrors of the grave.
- 6 In my distress I called on God;  
I cried out to the LORD for aid.  
He from his temple heard my voice;  
He listened to the prayer I made.

## **What is our hope in life and death?**

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing hallelujah!*

*Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing hallelujah!*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah!*

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Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offences against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

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**My song is love unknown,**  
my saviour's love for me;  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be:  
but who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from heaven's throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but they refused, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know:  
this is my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing  
of him my soul adores;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like yours!  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

Jubilate Hymns version of 'My song is love unknown'  
Samuel Crossman (1624 - 1684) © Jubilate Hymns Ltd

# Notices

**1) Youth Group: Mark and Munch!** – Meeting to study Mark's Gospel and to enjoy delicious desserts from 3:30–5:30pm this afternoon at the home of Hilary and John MacPherson. Contact Hilary for more details, including their address: hilaryous95@gmail.com

**2) During the Week** – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch for more info about our regular bible studies.

**3) AGM** – Following the morning service next Sunday (30th March), we will hold our AGM, presenting the church's 2024 accounts. The meeting will last for around 15 minutes and includes the opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome to join.

**4) Freshers' Lunch** – Paul and Emilie will host a lunch for all first years on Sunday 30th March at 1 Dempster Terrace.

**5) Prayer Meeting** – 7:15pm for a 7:30 start on Wednesday 2nd April at 1 Dempster Terrace. All are welcome!

**6) Ceilidh** – In the Halls on Friday 4th April. Doors open at 6:45pm with dancing starting at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your friends!

**7) Baptisms** – We are holding a baptism service on Easter Sunday (20th April). If you are interested in being baptised or would like to talk more about what it means, send an email to Paul (our senior minister) at paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

**8) 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 making a sizeable donation or are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

**Children leave for Sunday School**

## 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.

## Psalm 119

- 33 Teach me to follow your decrees;  
Then I will keep them to the end.
- 34 Give insight, and I'll keep your law,  
With all my heart to it attend.
- 35 Lead me in your commandments' path,  
For there, O LORD, delight I find.
- 36 Incline my heart towards your laws;  
From selfish gain preserve my mind.
- 37 O turn my eyes from worthless things;  
Give life according to your word.
- 38 To me, your servant, keep your pledge,  
So that you may be feared, O LORD.
- 39 Remove from me the shame I dread;  
Your laws excel in uprightness.
- 40 O how I long for your decrees!  
Preserve me in your righteousness.

**Reading and Sermon:** Philippians 2:1–11 (page 980)

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,**  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my path, thou hast taught me to say:  
'It is well, it is well with my soul'.  
*It is well with my soul,*  
*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul.  
*It is well with my soul...*

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
*It is well with my soul....*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
*It is well with my soul...*

Horatio G. Spafford (1828–88)

*This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 8:18–22.*

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: Colossians 3:22–4:1

6pm: Matthew 8:23–34

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