



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 23rd March 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Hamish Sneddon will speak on Matthew 8:18–22.

'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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Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry, and repent
of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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.

Psalm 85

- 1 In times past, LORD, you showed favour
to your own beloved land;
The prosperity of Jacob
you restored by your strong hand.
- 2 You forgave your people's trespass;
you were pleased their sins to hide.
- 3 You withdrew all your displeasure;
from your wrath you turned aside.

- 4 God our Saviour, now restore us;
from us turn away your rage.
- 5 Will your anger burn against us?
Will it last from age to age?
- 6 Will you not again revive us,
that we may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us, LORD, your covenant mercy;
your salvation grant anew.

You're the Word of God the Father

from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands!*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea,
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.
You're the Author of creation...

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation,
you are leading sinners home.
You're the Author of creation...

Notices

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Freshers' Lunch** – Paul and Emilie will host a lunch for all first years on Sunday 30th March at 1 Dempster Terrace.
- 4) Prayer Meeting** – 7:15pm for a 7:30 start on Wednesday 2nd April at 1 Dempster Terrace. All are welcome!
- 5) 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!
- 6) 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
- 7) 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

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (page 151)

Psalm 85

- 8 I will hear what God the LORD says:
to his saints he offers peace;
But his people must not wander
and return to foolishness.
- 9 Surely for all those who fear him
his salvation is at hand,
So that once again his glory
may be seen within our land.
- 10 Love and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace embrace.
- 11 Righteousness looks down from heaven;
from the earth springs faithfulness.
- 12 What is good the LORD will give us,
and our land its fruit will bear.
- 13 Righteousness will go before him
and his royal way prepare.

Man of sorrows what a name

for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

- 2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!
- 3 Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!
- 4 He was lifted up to die;
"It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!
- 5 When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

Philip Paul Bliss

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 8:18–22 (page 813)

Matthew 8:18–22

Introduction: The cost of following Jesus as he is

1. Following Jesus as he is necessarily leads to earthly uncertainty

- Easy words

- Hard realities

2. Following Jesus as he is necessarily demands our supreme love

- An exclusive and universal priority (cf. Numbers 6:6–7; Leviticus 21:11)

- A love that orders all others (Matthew 12:48–49; 19:49)

Conclusion: The reward of following Jesus as he is

When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Next week's services:

10.30am: Colossians 3:22–4:1

6pm: Matthew 8:23–34

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