



Free Church of St Andrews

Evening Service – 18th January 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on Obadiah 15–21.

Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the heathen nations rage?
Why do the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 Earth's kings combine in enmity;
Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD
And challenge his anointed one:
3 "Let us break off their chains from us;
With their restraints let us be done."

- 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
The Lord on high derides them all.
- 5 Then he rebukes them in his wrath;
His rage and terror on them fall.
- 6 The LORD has made it known to them:
"My chosen king I have installed
On Zion, my own holy hill.
He is the one whom I have called."

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and children's voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns –
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
the hungry and the poor are blessed.

Let all creation rise and bring
the highest honours to our king;
angels descend with songs again
and Earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

Based on Psalm 72; Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Reading: John 12:12–19 (page 899)

Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
and we do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
because we have sinned against you and offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offences,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favourable Father to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our sins.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that,
not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth,
and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!

There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine! I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home,
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me'.

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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

Psalm 24

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

Reading and Sermon: Obadiah 15–21 (page 772)

Obadiah 15-21

The Day of the LORD means...

...Judgement on all nations – trust God's perfect justice (verses 15-16)

...Redemption for God's people – share the way of escape (verses 17-18)

...Restoration of God's kingdom – live as children of the King (verses 19-21)

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
Come eat of Him, our Living Bread,
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ...

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ...

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Next week's services:

10:30am: Matthew 16:13-21

6pm: Isaiah 1

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- 1) LifeGroups** – Meeting altogether on Wednesday 21st January at 1 Dempster Terrace for a Prayer Focus. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. LifeGroups will return to their normal venues on 28th January. Scan below to find the termcard and send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you are interested in finding out more about our weekly bible studies.
- 2) Lord's Supper** – During the evening service next Sunday (25th January).
- 3) Parents Together Evening** – Join us on Monday 26th January for an evening of partnership together as parents, thinking about discipling your children through hard questions. Drinks and snacks provided. 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start at the Montgomery's house. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you need the address.
- 4) Evergreens** – Next meets on Tuesday 27th January at 2pm at 1 Trinity Place. This ministry is aimed at encouraging the 'more experienced' saints in our church family. Join us for tea, cake, encouragement and prayer at a local home around once a fortnight. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info.
- 5) Friday Fellowship** – Resuming on 30th January, all women who are at home during the day are warmly invited to join us at 10am at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another. Contact Emilie (emiliemclarke@gmail.com) for more details.
- 6) Two Services** – There will be one morning service at 10:30am next Sunday (25th January) before we return to two morning services (9:30 & 11:30am) on 1st February.
- 7) Women's Bible Teaching Day** – Join us on Saturday 14th March for a day of bible teaching for women, by women. Save the date and look out for more booking details to come.
- 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 would wish to make a contribution towards the Assistant Minister fund, you are making a sizeable donation or you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk