



Free Church of St Andrews

Morning Service – 8th February 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Matthew 16:24–28.

Psalm 65

- 1 In Zion praise awaits you, Lord;
to you our vows we'll pay.
- 2 To you all people will come near;
you hear us when we pray.
- 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
and guilt upon us lay,
You pardoned all our trespasses
and washed our guilt away.
- 4 How blessed are those you choose, and bring
within your courts of grace!
We're filled with blessings in your house,
in your most holy place.

With awesome deeds of righteousness
you answer us, O God,
- 5 Our Saviour, hope of farthest seas
and all the earth abroad.

Come thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love!
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see thy lovely face;
full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
how I'll sing thy sovereign grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
bring thy promises to pass,
for I know thy pow'r will keep me
till I'm home with thee at last

Robert Robinson (1735–90)

Notices

Children leave for Crèche, Scramblers and Sunday School (9:30 service)

Your grace that leads this sinner home
from death to life forever,
and sings the song of righteousness
by blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide
to every tribe and nation
has called my heart to enter in
the joy of your salvation.

*By grace I am redeemed,
by grace I am restored,
and now I freely walk into
the arms of Christ my Lord.*

Your grace that I cannot explain,
not by my earthly wisdom;
the Prince of Life, without a stain,
was traded for this sinner.

By grace I am redeemed...

Let praise rise up and overflow –
my song resound forever,
for grace will see me welcomed home
to walk beside my Saviour.

By grace I am redeemed...

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Matthew 16:24-28

Intro: The lost message of Jesus

1) The pattern of discipleship – following Jesus

2) The motivation for discipleship – knowing the future

Conclusion: Living between the cross and the crown

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep for us to undo.
Please forgive us.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 130

- 1** LORD, from the depths I call to you;
- 2** Lord, hear me from on high
 And give attention to my voice
 when I for mercy cry.

- 3** LORD, in your presence who can stand,
 if you our sins record?
- 4** But yet forgiveness is with you,
 that we may fear you, LORD.

- 5** I wait — my soul waits — for the LORD;
 my hope is in his word.
- 6** More than the watchman waits for dawn
 my soul waits for the Lord.

- 7** O Isr'el, put your hope in God,
 for mercy is with him
- 8** And full redemption. From their sins
 his people he'll redeem.

Lord's Supper

We use non-alcoholic wine.

The bread is gluten-free.

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.

1 Though the nations rage

Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days.*

2 Though the dread of night

Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days.
None above Him, none before Him...

3 Though I may not see

What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.
None above Him, none before Him...

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This evening's sermon passage is Isaiah 5.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Matthew 17:1-13
6pm: Isaiah 6

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Notices

- 1) Newcomers Lunch** – If you have joined our church recently, come for lunch after the 11:30am service at 1 Dempster Terrace. Let us know if you're interested in coming!
- 2) During the week** – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. Evergreens meets at **10 Doocot Road** this Tuesday at 2pm. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about our weekly bible studies.
- 3) Student Lunch** – After the 11:30 service on Sunday 22nd February.
- 4) Women's Teaching Day: Transformed by Grace** – Join us on Saturday 14th March as Rachel Sloan teaches from Titus. There will also be seminars, prayer and plenty of fellowship. Book [here](#) and contact Kirsty with any questions.
- 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 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