



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 29th March 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will speak on the topic of *Freedom* from John 8:31-36.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord...

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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**Our Father in heaven,
we confess that we have done many things we should have left undone,
and failed to do many things you have commanded.
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Psalm 103

- 1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
- 2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
- 3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
- 4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love—as high as heaven
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

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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.

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:
who can explore his strange design?
In vain the highest angel tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mystery all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above –
so free, so infinite his grace –
humbled himself in all his love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Based on Acts 12
Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Reading and Sermon: John 8:31–36 (page 894)

Seeking Freedom – John 8:31–36

Intro: Seeking Freedom

**1) People think that life without God is freedom,
but it's actually slavery**

**2) People think that life with God is slavery,
but it's actually perfect freedom**

Conclusion: Finding freedom

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, be thou my true might;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'nward, great pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou bright Heaven's Sun,
grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Next week's services:

Good Friday Service, 3pm

Easter Sunday, 9:30 & 11:30am: Seeking Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)

Easter Sunday, 6pm: Seeking Security (John 10:22-30)

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Notices

A Passion for Life Events

Guest Services

29th March 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Purpose 6pm | Seeking Freedom

5th April 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Hope 6pm | Seeking Security

Hope Explored – A three-week introduction to the Christian faith beginning on 13th April, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life. Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) for a guest service flyer to share with others.

- 1) Good Friday Service** – 3pm this Friday (3rd April) in the Halls. We will take the Lord's Supper together during this service.
- 2) During the week** – LifeGroups continues as normal. Friday Fellowship next meets on 17th April. Evergreens returns on 28th April. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you need the address or for more info about any of our weekly bible studies.
- 3) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 15th April, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start at 1 Dempster Terrace. All are welcome!
- 4) Student Lunch** – After the 11:30 service on Sunday 19th April.
- 5) Baptisms** – We're planning a baptism service in the near future. If you haven't been baptised and would like to talk more about it, get in touch with Paul 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 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