



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 19th April 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will speak on 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Psalm 118

- 19 Throw wide the gates of righteousness;
I'll enter and give thanks to God.
- 20 This is the gate of God, through which
The righteous come before the LORD.
- 21 You answered me, I will give thanks;
Salvation comes from you alone.
- 22 The stone the builders had refused
Has now become the cornerstone.
- 23 The LORD himself has done all this;
It is a marvel in our sight.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has made;
In it let us take great delight!
- 28 You are my God, I'll give you thanks;
You are my God, I'll give you praise.
- 29 O thank the LORD, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures always.

Come and stand before your maker

Full of wonder, full of fear;
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near,
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love.

Rejoice!

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice;

He is worthy of all praise,

Rejoice!

Sing the mercies of your King

And with trembling, rejoice.

We are children of the promise,
The beloved of the Lord.
Won with everlasting kindness,
Bought with sacrificial blood.
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go.

Rejoice...

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
Turning tragedy to triumph,
Turning agony to praise,
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed.

Rejoice...

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Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

– New City Catechism, Q.46

Prayer

Notices

God of grace, amazing wonder,
irresistible and free.
Oh, the miracle of mercy:
Jesus reaches down to me!
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
as my God restores my soul:
his own blood has paid my ransom,
awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
long before the world began
sent my Saviour down from heaven,
perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus;
I'm accepted as his own.
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me
as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded,
and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
where one day I'll see your face,
and forever I'll adore you
in your everlasting grace.

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1 Corinthians 11:17-34

1) Reject the divisions the cross has torn down (verses 17-22)

2) Remember the Lord who gave himself for his people (verses 23-26)

**3) Come with repentant faith and real love for the whole church
(verses 27-34)**

- **Look in the mirror (verse 28)**

- **Look around (verse 29)**

Psalm 116

- 1 I love the LORD because he heard my voice;
He listened when I cried to him for aid.
- 2 I'll call on him as long as I shall live,
Because he turned to hear me when I prayed.
- 3 The cords of death gripped and entangled me,
Upon me came the anguish of the grave;
With grief and trouble I was overcome.
- 4 Then on the name of God I called: "LORD, save!"
- 5 The LORD our God is kind and full of grace;
Both righteous and compassionate is he.
- 6 The LORD protects all those of childlike faith;
When I was in great need, he rescued me.
- 7 Rest, O my soul; God has been good to you—
- 8 For you, O LORD, have saved my soul from death,
My feet from stumbling and my eyes from tears,
- 9 That I may live for you while I have breath.

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 **Oh, to see the dawn**
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 Oh, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of
sin.
Every bitter thought,
every evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.
This, the power of the cross...

3 Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.
This, the power of the cross...

4 Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.
This, the power of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Joshua 3-4

6pm: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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1) During the week – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. 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.

2) Baptisms – During next Sunday evening's service, we will hear testimonies from those being baptised before walking to Castle Sands for the baptisms after the service.

3) Desserts & Discipleship – For all women, join us at 7:15pm at 1 Dempster Terrace for sweet treats, discussion and prayer on Friday 1st May.

4) Elections – All formal members are invited to vote in the current elder and property trustee elections. If you did not receive more information in the weekly email, send Stephen a message at stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more. The deadline for voting is 1st May.

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