



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 26th April 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Joshua 3–4.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore:
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice,
rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart...

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart...

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice:
God's trumpet-call shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reading: Joshua 3 (page 179)

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...

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Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School (9:30 service)

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.

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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Reading and Sermon: Joshua 4 (page 180)

Joshua 3-4

Intro: Waiting eagerly

1) Know that the LORD is mighty to save

- i. The Miracle 3:14-17

- ii. The Ark 3:15; 4:18

- iii. The Distance 3:4

- iv. The Stones 4:2-3, 21

See Acts 2:22; 17:31

2) Fear the LORD your God forever

Conclusion: Rest

Psalm 118

- 1 O thank the LORD, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures always.
- 2 Now let the house of Israel say,
"His love will last through endless days."
- 3 And let the house of Aaron say,
"His love for ever will endure."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD declare,
"His love will stand for ever sure."
- 5 I cried in anguish to the LORD;
He answered me and set me free.
- 6 The LORD is with me; I'll not fear.
What harm can people do to me?
- 7 The LORD is with me constantly;
He is the one who gives me aid.
I'll look in triumph on my foes;
I will not need to be afraid.

The grace of God has reached for me

And pulled me from the raging sea

And I am safe on the solid ground

The Lord is my salvation

2 I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

Strong to save, faithful in love

My debt is paid, and the victory won

The Lord is my salvation

3 My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flowers each promise of His word
When winter fades,
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

4 In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

5 And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?

Glory be to God, the Father

Glory be to God, the Son

Glory be to God, the Spirit

The Lord is our Salvation

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This evening's sermon passage is 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Joshua 5:1-12

6pm: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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Notices

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

2) During the week – LifeGroups continue as usual this week. Evergreens meets at 10 Doocot Road at 2pm this Tuesday (28th April). There will be no Friday Fellowship meeting this week (1st May). Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you need the address or for more info about any of our weekly bible studies.

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) Morning Services – On 17th May, we will return to one morning service at 10:30. The two service pattern will resume at the end of the summer.

5) Grad Sunday – On Sunday 17th May we will have lunch together after the morning service and spend time hearing from and praying for graduating students in the church family. Please bring your own lunch, but some soup will be provided to supplement it.

6) Hearing God's Voice – Join us for a Bible handling workshop on the morning of Saturday 23rd May, time and location tbc. Whether you want to grow in confidence reading God's word on your own or you want to be better equipped to open the Bible with others, we would love to have you! There is also an optional session after lunch thinking about how to write a Bible study. Click [here](#) to sign up.

7) 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.

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