



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 31st May 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Joshua 9.

Psalm 34

- 1 At all times I will bless the LORD;
I'll praise him with my voice.
- 2 Because I glory in the LORD,
let troubled souls rejoice.
- 3 Together let us praise the LORD;
exalt his name with me.
- 4 I sought the LORD; his answer came:
from fears he set me free.
- 5 They look to him and shine with joy;
they are not put to shame.
- 6 This suffering man cried to the LORD;
from him deliverance came.
- 7 The angel of the LORD surrounds
and guards continually
All those who fear and honour him;
he sets his people free.
- 8 Come, taste and see—the LORD is good;
who trusts in him is blessed.
- 9 O fear the LORD, you saints; with need
you will not be oppressed.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Percy Dearmer

**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.**

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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Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

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.

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and Hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you.

Peter Williams (1721-1796) and others
after William Williams (1717-1791)

Reading and Sermon: Joshua 9 (page 184)

Joshua 9

Intro: Once upon a time...

1) What a mess – the world is confusing

2) What a mess – the Church can be hugely disappointing

3) What a God – the Lord is sovereign & gracious

See Nehemiah 3:7; 7:25

Conclusion: God is at work

1 I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

2 There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory

To our God be praise

He alone the name above all names

I will boast ever only in the Lord my God

For I know His glory is my good

3 See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

4 Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

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This evening's sermon passage is 1 Corinthians 15:12-28.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Joshua 13:1-14:15

6pm: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

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Notices

- 1) Youth Group** – Meeting this afternoon from 3:30–5:30pm at John and Hilary's house. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details, including the address.
- 2) During the week** – Wednesday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. Thursday LifeGroups has concluded for the summer. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about any of our weekly bible studies and meetings.
- 3) Summer Focus** – From June 10th until July 29th, we will be meeting altogether on Wednesday evenings in Holy Trinity Halls in place of our regular bible studies to consider how we can best love our church. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.
- 4) Serving** – If you have never filled out a church serving form, click [here](#) and let us know how you would like to serve. As summer approaches, it is helpful to us if you can note your unavailability on Elvanto. If you need access or guidance in doing this, contact stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk
- 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