



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 28th June 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Psalms 42–43.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866–1960)

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Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess in your presence
that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.
You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week –
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,
and we ask you to have mercy upon us.
Teach us to hate our errors,
cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.
And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,
send your purifying grace into our hearts,
that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways
in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Reading: Psalm 42 (page 469)

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.

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...

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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Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

Prayer

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

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| <p>1 Mine are days that God has numbered,
I was made to walk with him,
yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer!
Though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am his forevermore!</p> <p>2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted:
Christ completes his work in me.</p> | <p>3 Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war,
and he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.</p> <p>And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart
has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore!</p> <p>Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore. [X2]</p> <p>And mine are keys to Zion city...</p> |
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Reading and Sermon: Psalm 43 (page 470)

Psalms 42-43

Intro: What do you do when it feels like God has forgotten you?

1) Faith is a desperate struggle – be real with God

- Panting, mocking and drowning
- Homesick – 2 Cor. 5:8; Heb. 11:13-16

2) God is a living fortress – hope again in him

- The Living God
- My Salvation
- My Rock

3) Jesus is the answer – thirst for him

- He delivers us – Gal. 1:4
- The light of the world – John 8:12
- The truth – John 14:6

Conclusion: One day nearer

Psalm 43

1 Come! Vindicate me, O my God!
Against this nation plead my cause!
Deliver me from wicked foes
And hypocrites who break your laws.

2 You are my stronghold and my God;
Why then have you rejected me?
Why must I go about in grief,
Downtrodden by the enemy?

4 Then to God's altar I will go,
To God, my joy and my delight,
And I will praise you with the harp.
O God, you are my God of might.

3 O send your light forth and your truth!
Let them direct me in your grace
And bring me to your holy hill,
Into your sacred dwelling-place.

5 Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why are you so disturbed in me?
Trust God, for I will praise him yet;
My Saviour and my God is he.

1 **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;**
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone...

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

4 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone...

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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 19:13-30.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Psalm 44

6pm: Matthew 20:1-16

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Notices

1) Summer Focus – Continuing this Wednesday evening, we meet altogether in the 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.

2) Church Family Picnic – Following the morning service on 12th July in Woodburn Park. Bring your own food and picnic rugs etc. All welcome!

3) A Tale of Two Kings – The St Andrews Churches Holiday Club is taking place on the 11th–14th August and we'd love more volunteers to help make it a brilliant week for the children who come along. It's great fun and a precious opportunity to welcome young people from across our town and share Jesus with them. Please be praying and inviting others while considering whether you could serve as part of the team. Go [here](#) to sign up a child and click the following links to express an interest in being a [leader](#) (over 18) or a [junior leader](#) (S1–6, under 18).

4) Summer Reading – We are encouraging people to read J.I.Packer's book 'Knowing God' over the summer. Find yourself a copy and read along!

5) Arbroath Juniors – We have 'adopted' this Free Church Youth Camp, taking place at the end of July. We encourage you to consider how you can support the camp. Send stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk a message if you would like to receive prayer updates or to find out more about assisting with chaperoning and contributing baking or financial support towards the camp.

6) 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