



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 9th August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Tim McKee will speak on Matthew 21:33–46.

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)

Reading: Isaiah 5:1–7 (page 569)

O Father,
we are gathered before you,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with
the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in
thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you with all our
heart and soul,
we have not loved you with all our
mind and strength;
we have not even loved our
neighbour as ourselves.

Purge us from selfishness,
the fear of man, and the love of praise.
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for
the wrong we have done and for the
good we have left undone,
so that we may truly hate our sin.
But, please Father,
do not leave us in sorrow.
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In your mercy,
restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love you
with a holy love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on his hands,
my name is hidden in his heart;
I know that while in Heaven he stands
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace.
One with my Lord, I cannot die:
my soul is purchased by his blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

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.

Notices

Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the heathen nations rage?
Why do the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 Earth's kings combine in enmity;
Her rulers join against God's reign.

They take their stand against the LORD
And challenge his anointed one:
- 3 "Let us break off their chains from us;
With their restraints let us be done."

10 Now therefore, kings, true wisdom find;
You judges of the earth, give ear.
- 11 With rev'rence come and serve the LORD;
Bow down with joy and trembling fear.
- 12 Pay homage to the royal son
Lest you in wrath aside are thrust,
For swiftly can his anger blaze.
Blessèd are all who in him trust.

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 21:33–46 (page 827)

Matthew 21:33-46

- **Receive the Son – God has patiently sent His rightful heir (verses 33-39)**
- **Heed the verdict – God will judge those who reject His Son (verses 40-41)**
- **Marvel at the reversal – God builds His enduring Kingdom on the rejected Son (verses 42-46)**

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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!
- Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore. [X2]
- And mine are keys to Zion city...

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Next week's services:

10:30am: Acts 2:22-41 (Family Guest Service)

6pm: Matthew 22:1-14

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1) Summer Sessions – There is One True God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Join us as we dig in to what the Bible says about this most foundational of truths, so that together we might know Him as He is in love and worship. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start on Wednesday evening.

2) A Tale of Two Kings – Keep the St Andrews Churches Holiday Club in your prayers as it takes place this week.

3) Ladies' Summer Fellowship – All women in the church are invited to a relaxed time of coffee, chat and prayer at 10:30am on 14th August at 1 Trinity Place. Babies and toddlers are welcome. The next gathering will be on 28th August.

4) Family Guest Service – Join us for a guest service at 10:30 on 16th August, following on from the "Tale of Two Kings" Holiday Club. There will be a kids' talk, a special Sunday school focus that clearly explains the gospel and a sermon on Jesus' identity as God's True King from Acts 2. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and families, whether they've been to the holiday club or not.

5) Lord's Supper – During the evening service next Sunday.

6) An Evening with the Brashes – We will hear from our mission partners in Japan, the Brash family, on the evening of Wednesday 26th August. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

7) Elder Induction – Chris McLean will be inducted as an elder during the morning service on 30th August. Keep Chris and his family in your prayers.

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