



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 30th August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Michael Veitch will speak on Matthew 22:23–33.

See what a morning, gloriously bright

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man,
for he lives – Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'

As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb,
hears a voice speaking, calling her name.
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
and we do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
because we have sinned against you and offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offences,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favourable Father to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our sins.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that,
not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouth,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Psalm 73

- 21 When in my heart I was consumed with grief,
And when my soul was filled with bitterness,
22 Then I was like a brute beast in your sight,
So full of ignorance and foolishness.
- 23 Yet I remain with you continually;
By my right hand you hold me as my guide.
24 You'll lead me with your counsel to the end
And take me into glory to abide.
- 25 In heavèn whom have I but you alone?
On earth there's no one else whom I adore.
26 Although my heart may fail and flesh grow weak,
God is my strength and portion evermore.
- 27 Those who are far from you will be cut down;
All those who are unfaithful you destroy.
28 But I'll draw near and shelter in my God;
Your deeds, O LORD, I will recount with joy.

Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9 (page 586)

Notices

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.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory...

Edmond Louis Budry (1854–1932)
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 22:23–33 (page 828)

Matthew 22:23–33

- **A Question (verses 24–28)**

- **The Answer**

1. Resurrection Reality (verse 30a)

2. Resurrection Difference (verse 30b)

3. Resurrection Hope (verse 31–2)

- **Application (cf. 1 Cor 15:16–21)**

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah!

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Next week's services:

10:30am: 1 Peter 1:1–2

6pm: Matthew 22:34–46

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Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! If you are new and would like to find out more about us, click [here](#) to fill in our welcome form and visit our website. You'll be given the option to meet with a member of the church team for a coffee. You can also find digital copies of the service sheets and the option to give online.

If you have any questions or would like to join us for any of the events below, you can chat to the service leader or send us an email at church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Mon 31st August | 7:30pm | Parents Together Evening

Get in touch with Hamish at h.j.sneddon@gmail.com for the venue.

Wed 2nd September | 6pm | Church Family BBQ

Come to 1 Dempster Terrace and sign up through the QR code above to bring food.

Sun 6th September | Freshers Lunch

For new students, immediately following the 9:30 & 11:30am services on 6th & 13th September. Listen out during either of the morning services for more details.

Sun 6th September | 3:30–5:30pm | Youth Group

Meeting for a social on Friday 4th September and the first regular study on Sunday afternoon. Contact hilaryous95@gmail.com for more details.

Two Morning Services – Please note that we will return to our term-time pattern of two morning services (9:30 & 11:30am) next Sunday (6th September).

Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th September at Cosmos Community Centre. All are welcome!

Student Bonfire – 10th September, 7:30pm, East Sands by the Coastguard Station.

Friday Fellowship – Resuming on 11th September.

Newcomers Lunches – If you're new to our church but not a Fresher, join us after the 11:30 service on 13th and 20th September.

Evergreens – Next meets at 2pm on Tuesday 15th September at 10 Doocot Road.

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