



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 20th September 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Peter 1:6–12.

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.

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Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12 (page 613)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry, and repent
of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

1 **Oh, to see the dawn**
of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath –
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 Oh, to see the pain
written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of
sin.
Every bitter thought,
every evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.
This, the power of the cross...

3 Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.
This, the power of the cross...

4 Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.
This, the power of the cross:
Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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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.

Psalm 103

1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.

2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.

3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;

4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

5 He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your youthful vigour is renewed.

6 The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.

7 To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.

9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.

10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.

11 How great his love—as high as heaven —
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

Reading and Sermon: 1 Peter 1:6–12 (page 1014)

1 Peter 1:6–12

Intro: Salvation

1) The Glorious Joy of Salvation

- i. Trials – varied, necessary and momentary
- ii. Faith – tested, precious and rewarding
- iii. Joy – inexpressible and glorious

2) The Awesome Privilege of Salvation

- i. Prophets – investigators, proclaimers and servants
- ii. Us – privilege and pattern

Conclusion: Glory

Come behold the wondrous mystery

in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the Law – in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
Christ the Lord upon the tree!
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance!
How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

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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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This evening's sermon passage is 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 1:13-21

6pm: 1 Samuel 4:1-7:16

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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

Student Lunch | Sun 20th September | 1pm

Join us for lunch in the Halls on the topic of 'What am I really at university for?' St Andrews can offer you a degree, friendships and a world of opportunity, but only Jesus can give you life, so what will you do with him while you are here?

Newcomers Lunches | Sun 20th September

If you are relatively new to our church or are exploring churches in town, but you are not a student, you are invited to one of our Newcomers Lunches after both services.

Listen out for more details during the service.

Youth Group | Sun 20th September | 3:30–5:30pm

For teenagers aged 12–18, meeting this afternoon at John & Hilary's house.

LifeGroups | Wed 23rd September | 7:30pm

For year-round members of the church family, meeting in homes across St Andrews. Click [here](#) for the termcard.

Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 24th September | 7:30pm

Our student bible study, taking place in the Halls. You're welcome to join, even if you are still deciding whether to join our church.

Friday Fellowship | Fri 25th September | 10am

All women who are at home during the day are warmly invited to join us at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another.

Women's Brunch | Sat 26th September | 10am

Join us in Cosmos Community Centre as we consider 'Why Women's Ministry Matters: A biblical vision for word-filled women's ministry'. Sign up to bring food [here](#).

Lord's Supper – During the morning service next Sunday (27th September)

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