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FREECHURCH

Sunday Morning – 28th April 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will preach on Hebrews 11:8–22.

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are to God our King
who reigns on high
forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.
Hear heaven's voices sing...

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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.

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| <p>1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken
formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.</p> | <p>3 'Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which He gives them on their way.</p> |
| <p>2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
never fails from age to age.</p> | <p>4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.</p> |

Notices

1) Graduate Sunday – To say goodbye to all the graduates in the church family who are moving on this Summer, we will have a church family lunch together in the Halls following this service. Bring your own food; soup will be provided.

2) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family this Wednesday (1st May) at 1 Dempster Terrace. Come from 7:15pm for 7:30.

3) Hearing God's Voice – Join us for a Bible handling workshop in The Halls on Saturday 4th May, 9:15am–1pm. Whether you want to grow in confidence reading God's word on your own or you want to be better equipped to open the Bible with others, we would love to have you! There is also an optional session after lunch thinking about how to write a Bible study. Click [here](#) to sign up.

4) During the week – Thursday LifeGroups, Friday Fellowship and Voyagers continue as normal this week. There will be no LifeGroups on Wednesday due to the prayer meeting.

5) Summer Serving – With many of our number being away over the Summer, it would be very helpful if you would consider serving in one of the following areas: Projection, Sunday morning set-up, tea and coffee and music. Talk to a member of staff or complete the [serving form](#).

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 are eligible for Gift Aid, please email (treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

Click [here](#) if you're new and you would like to find out more about our church.

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.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want.
2 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

3 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

5 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

6 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
And in GOD's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Reading and Sermon: Hebrews 11:8–22 (page 1007)

Hebrews 11:8-22

Intro: A faith that endures

1. Faith seeks a heavenly home and lives as an exile here

i) Faith looks forward

ii) Faith does not look back

2. Faith trusts God's promises and endures unto death

i) God's faithfulness > being 'as good as dead'

ii) God's power > death itself

iii) God's purposes > my death

Conclusion: Consider Jesus

When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast.

When the tempter would prevail,

he will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold

through life's fearful path.

For my love is often cold,

he must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast!

He will hold me fast!

For my Saviour loves me so,

he will hold me fast!

Those he saves are his delight,

Christ will hold me fast.

Precious in his holy sight,

he will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost,

his promises shall last.

Bought by him at such a cost,

he will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast...

For my life he bled and died,

Christ will hold me fast.

Justice has been satisfied,

he will hold me fast.

Raised with him to endless life,

he will hold me fast,

till our faith is turned to sight

when he comes at last.

He will hold me fast...

"He Will Hold Me Fast" Ada Ruth Habershon,

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, be thou my true might;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'nward, great pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou, and thou only, be first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, thou bright Heaven's Sun,
grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 2:1-12.

Next week's services:

10.30am: Hebrews 11:23-12:2

6pm: Matthew 2:13-23

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