



S t A n d r e w s
FREECHURCH

Sunday Morning – 19th May 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will preach on Hebrews 12:18–29.

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Oh, precious is the flow,

that makes me white as snow!

No other fount I know,

nothing but the blood of Jesus!

For my pardon this I see,

nothing but the blood of Jesus;

for my cleansing, this my plea:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow...

Nothing can for sin atone,

nothing but the blood of Jesus;

naught of good that I have done,

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow...

This is all my hope and peace,

nothing but the blood of Jesus;

this is all my righteousness,

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow...

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay:
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Prayer

Reading: Exodus 19:9–21 (page 60)

Notices

1) Youth Fellowship – If you are a S1–S6 age, come study the bible with dessert at Kirsty's flat today from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Send Kirsty a message at kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more details, including the address.

2) During the week – Friday Fellowship continues as normal this week. Voyagers will not be taking place. Wednesday LifeGroups will be holding socials; chat to your group leaders for more details. Thursday LifeGroups have concluded for the term.

3) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 29th May at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All welcome!

4) Summer Focus – During the month of June and into early July, we will be meeting together on Thursday evenings in the Halls to consider our biblical identity as a church. All are welcome! Our regular Wednesday LifeGroups will not take place during this period.

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 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

I will sing the wondrous story

of the Christ who died for me;
how he left his home in glory
for the cross on Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
threw his loving arms around me,
drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,
faint was I from many a fall;
sight was gone and fears possessed me,
but he freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me,
sorrow's path I often tread,
but the Saviour still is with me,
by his hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet,
then he'll bear me safely over
where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me;
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854-1952)

Reading and Sermon: Hebrews 12:18-29 (page 1009)

Hebrews 12:18-29

Intro: Value and response

1. Never forget your awesome privilege (verses 18-24)

i) Paralyzing fear, verses 18-21 (see Exodus 19-20)

ii) Joyful confidence, verses 22-24

2. Never resist God's awesome word (verses 25-29)

- No denial
- No drift
- No distraction
- Humble gratitude

Conclusion: Acceptable worship

Psalm 51

- 10 Lord, create a pure heart in me,
and a steadfast mind renew.
- 11 Do not take your Spirit from me;
cast me not away from you.
- 12 Give me back the joy I had;
keep my willing spirit glad.
- 13 Then I'll teach your ways to sinners;
rebels will turn back to you.
- 14 Free me from blood-guilt, my Saviour,
God most merciful and true.
Then I'll praise your righteousness;
- 15 teach my lips your name to bless.
- 16 Sacrifice does not delight you,
else my tribute I would bring;
Nor do you take any pleasure
in a whole burnt offering.
- 17 Contrite heart as sacrifice
you, O God, will not despise.

Lord's Supper

We use non-alcoholic wine.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us spiritually
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

1 **Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,**
by his own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.

2 Silent as he stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned;
bowing to the Father's will,
he took a crown of thorns.

*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out 'Hallelujah!
Praise and honour unto thee.'*

3 Sent of heaven, God's own Son
to purchase and redeem
and reconcile the very ones
who nailed him to that tree.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

Now my debt is paid,
it is paid in full
by the precious blood
that my Jesus spilled.

Now the curse of sin
has no hold on me
whom the Son sets free
oh is free indeed.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

4 See the stone is rolled away:
behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised,
he's risen from the grave.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 3:13-17.

Next week's services:

10.30am: Hebrews 13:1-25

6pm: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:14

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