

Sunday Evening – 19th May 2024

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will preach on Matthew 3:13-17.

Psalm 93

The LORD is king; his throne endures 1 majestic in his height. The LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength and might.

The world is founded firm and sure – removed it cannot be.

- 2 Your throne is strong, and you are God from all eternity.
- The seas, O LORD, have lifted up, 3 they lifted up their voice; The seas have lifted up their waves and made a mighty noise.
- 4 The LORD, enthroned on high, is strong; more powerful is he Than thunder of the ocean's waves or breakers of the sea.
- 5 Your royal statutes, LORD, stand firm; unchanging is your word. And holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

- My gracious Master and my God, 2 4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honours of your name. his blood availed for me.
- 3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, 5 that bids our sorrows cease. 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- his blood can make the foulest clean;
 - To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Our Father in heaven,	Forgive us our sins
hallowed be your name.	as we forgive those who sin against us.
Your kingdom come,	Lead us not into temptation,
your will be done	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Give us today our daily bread.	are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Notices

1) 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.

2) 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!

3) 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.

4) 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 <u>serving form</u>.

5) Giving - You can support the work of the church financially by electronic bank transfer, by contactless payment after the service or by clicking <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u> if you're new and you would like to find out more about our church.

Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 602)

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe; strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender, we rest on thee, and in thy name we go; strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender, we rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yea, in thy name, O Captain of salvation! In thy dear name, all other names above: Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation, our Prince of glory and our King of love, Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation, our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling, and needing more each day thy grace to know: yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing, "We rest on thee, and in thy name we go"; yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing, "We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender! Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise; when passing through the gates of pearly splendour, victors, we rest with thee, through endless days; when passing through the gates of pearly splendour, victors, we rest with thee, through endless days.

Edith Cherry

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 3:13-17 (page 808)

Matthew 3:13-17

Intro: Verification

1. Jesus is the Servant-King who stands with us

2. Jesus is the Servant-King who stands over us

See Psalm 2 (page 448)

3. Jesus is the Servant-King who stands in for us

See Genesis 22 and Isaiah 42 (page 602)

Conclusion: 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'

Psalm 2

- 7 The king then solemnly declares:
 "I will proclaim the LORD's decree.
 'Today your father I've become;
 You are my son,' he said to me.
- 8 " 'Ask me, and for your heritage I'll give you nations near and far.
- 9 You'll break them with an iron rod,And smash them like a potter's jar.' "
- 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 sonLest you in wrath aside are thrust,For swiftly can his anger blaze.Blessèd are all who in him trust.

You're the Word of God the Father

from before the world began; every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand. All creation holds together by the power of your voice. Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of every man, and your cry of love rings out across the lands!

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea, yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. *You're the Author of creation...*

With a shout you rose victorious, wrestling victory from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in your way. Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own; from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home. *You're the Author of creation...*

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Next week's services:

10.30am: Hebrews 13:1-25 6pm: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:14

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