



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Morning – 18th May 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Hamish Sneddon will speak on Zechariah 4:1–6:8.

Psalm 118

- 1 O thank the LORD, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures always.
- 2 Now let the house of Israel say,
“His love will last through endless days.”
- 7 The LORD is with me constantly;
He is the one who gives me aid.
I'll look in triumph on my foes;
I will not need to be afraid.
- 13 I was pushed back and nearly fell;
The LORD himself gave help to me.
- 14 He is my song and source of strength;
The LORD gave me the victory.
- 15 Triumphant shouts of joy resound
In places where the righteous dwell.
- 16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
His mighty hand does all things well.
- 17 I shall not die but I shall live;
The LORD's great works I will proclaim.
- 18 The LORD severely chastened me,
But rescued me from death's domain.
- 19 Throw wide the gates of righteousness;
I'll enter and give thanks to God.
- 20 This is the gate of God, through which
The righteous come before the LORD.

Jesus, the name high over all

in hell or earth or sky;
angels and men before it fall
and devils fear and fly,
and devils fear and fly.

Jesus, the name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners given;
it scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heaven,
it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks
and bruises Satan's head;
power into strengthless souls he speaks
and life into the dead,
and life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
the riches of his grace!
The arms of love that welcome me
would all mankind embrace,
would all mankind embrace.

His righteousness alone I show,
his saving truth proclaim;
this is my work on earth below,
to cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'
to cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my final breath
I may but gasp his name,
preach him to all, and cry in death,
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley

Most merciful Father,
our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with
all our heart,
and we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.

We earnestly repent
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us and strengthen us
to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All praise to him, the God of light,
who formed the mountains by his might.
All praise to him who names the stars,
that sing his fame in skies afar.
All praise to him who reigns in love,
who guides the galaxies above.
yet bends to hear our every prayer
with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to him whose love is seen,
in Christ the Son, the Servant King;
who left behind his glorious throne
to pay the ransom for his own.
All praise to him who humbly came
to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
who lived to die, who died to rise;
the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to him whose pow'r imparts
the love of God within our hearts;
the Spirit of all truth and peace,
the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
our souls we lift, our wills we bow
to you, the triune God, we raise,
with loving hearts our song of praise.

Notices

1) Thursday LifeGroups Bonfire – Come and celebrate the end of the term! Meeting by the Cheesy Toast Shack from 7:30pm this Thursday (22nd May).

2) During the Week – Wednesday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch for more info about our regular bible studies.

3) Grad Sunday – Next Sunday (25th May) we will have lunch together after the morning service and spend time hearing from and praying for graduating students in the church family. Please bring your own lunch, but some soup will be provided to supplement it. Email mark@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk with any questions.

4) Foundations – A 3-day conference from 26th–28th May in the Halls about growing confidence in the Bible, deepening convictions and developing skills in reading and understanding it for ourselves with lots of time for fun and games together. Cost is £10, but let us know if that is an issue. Click [here](#) to sign up and chat to Abby if you have any questions (abby@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

5) Parents Together Evening – Join us on Monday 9th June for an evening of partnership together as parents as we think about Everyday Discipleship. Drinks and snacks provided. 1 Dempster Terrace, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

6) Everest! – Holiday Club is from 12th–15th August. Find out more and sign up [here](#). Chat to Catherine (catherine@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) if you are able to help or you have any questions.

7) 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 would wish to make a contribution towards the Assistant Minister fund, you are making a sizeable donation or you are eligible for Gift Aid, please email treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

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.

Reading: Zechariah 4 (page 794)

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns,**
the Lamb upon his throne;
while Heaven's eternal anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of Life
triumphant from the grave,
who rose victorious from the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high;
he died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of Love,
who shows his hands and side –
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of Years,
the Potentate of Time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

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Reading and Sermon: Zechariah 5:1–6:8 (page 794)

Zechariah 4:1–6:8

Introduction: Where do we begin?

1) Perfect presence – 4:1–14

God's glory will dwell with His people...

...in His appointed place...

...through the work of his appointed Messiah...

...in the power of His Spirit.

Implication: Confident service

2) Painful purification – 5:1–11

- The destruction of lawlessness
- The deportation of wickedness

Implication: Holy labour

3) Promised protection – 6:1–8

- God's strong chariots
- God's watchful care

Implication: Faithful waiting

Conclusion: Matthew 16:18 – The once, future and eternal builder of God's Church

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak
can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war – to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword
that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have
the prize for which he died –
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross,
where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes
lie crushed beneath his feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues till the day
every eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory

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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 10:26–42.

Next week's services:

10.30am: Zechariah 6:9–15

6pm: Matthew 11:1–19

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