



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Sunday Evening – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Mark McKillen will speak on Matthew 12:38–50.

### **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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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 holy and merciful Father,  
 we acknowledge and confess in your presence  
 that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.  
 You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week –  
 in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
 O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,  
 and we ask you to have mercy upon us.  
 Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,  
 and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.  
 And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,  
 send your purifying grace into our hearts,  
 that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways  
 in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
 Amen.

**Reading:** Ezekiel 37:15–28 (page 725)

## Psalm 87

- 1 On Jerus'lem's holy mountain  
he has founded his abode.
- 2 More than all of Jacob's dwellings  
Zion's gates are dear to God.

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| <p>3 Glorious things of you are spoken,<br/>Zion, city of the LORD:</p> <p>4 "Many drawn from all the nations<br/>as your people I record.</p> <p>"I will name as those who know me<br/>Egypt, Tyre and Babylon;<br/>Philistine along with Cushite<br/>I will count as Zion-born."</p> | <p>5 Yes, it will be said of Zion,<br/>"This and that one here belong;<br/>And on her the Highest's blessing<br/>will descend, and make her strong."</p> <p>6 "Born in Zion," God will enter<br/>in the peoples' register.</p> <p>7 They will sing, as they make music,<br/>"All my fountains are in her."</p> |
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## 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.

## Notices

**1) Summer Focus** – Concluding this Wednesday, we will meet together in the Halls to study the themes of Proverbs. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

**2) Friday Fellowship** – All women who are at home during the day on Friday are warmly invited to join us at 9:30am at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another. Contact Emilie (emiliemclarke@gmail.com) for more details.

**3) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 9th July at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

**4) 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.

**5) Serving** – As we go into the summer, it is particularly helpful to hear from you about the areas of church life that you are interested in serving in. Click [here](#) to find the serving form and to find out more about how you can serve God and his church.

**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 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

**God has spoken by his prophets,**  
spoken his unchanging word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord;  
in the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor still holds fast:  
God is king, his throne eternal,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God, before all time began,  
light of light, to earth descending,  
Man, revealing God to man.

God is speaking by his Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again;  
in the age-long word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is standing fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

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**Reading and Sermon:** Matthew 12:38–50 (page 817)

## Matthew 12:38–50

1) '*An Evil Generation*': Beware the Dangers of Israel's Unbelief

2) '*My Brothers and My Sisters*': Follow the Signs, Faithful to the Saviour

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: 1 John 2:28–3:10 (The Christian – Child)

6pm: Psalm 35

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