



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 13th July 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will speak on Psalm 36.

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.

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Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father,
we confess and acknowledge that we are poor sinners,
prone to do what is evil,
and incapable of any good apart from your grace.
Have mercy upon us, gentle and merciful God,
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
And fill us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may abound in love more and more,
and be filled with the fruit of righteousness,
to your glory and praise. Amen.

Reading: 1 John 4:7–18 (page 1023)

1 **How I love the voice of Jesus**
On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

2 Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

3 Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

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) Elections – The Kirk Session are recommending that we call John MacPherson to be our Assistant Minister and that Simon Attwood and Martin Thomson be elected as elders. If you have not received a letter from Paul about this, please speak to Stephen (stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk). You can participate in the Assistant Minister vote [here](#) and the Elder vote [here](#) until 16th July.

2) LifeGroups – Meeting at 1 Dempster Terrace on Wednesday evenings to discuss the previous Sunday morning's sermon in more detail. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

3) Friday Fellowship – All women who are at home during the day on Friday are warmly invited to join us at 10am 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.

4) Summer Reading – We are encouraging people to read David Gibson's book *The Lord of Psalm 23* over the summer. We hope to buy the book in bulk at a cheaper price, so let Stephen (stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) know if you would like a copy.

5) 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.

6) 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.

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

Psalm 36

- 5 Your steadfast love is great, O LORD;
it reaches heaven high.
Your faithfulness is wonderful,
extending to the sky.
- 6 Your righteousness is very great,
like mountains high and steep;
Your justice is like ocean depths.
Both man and beast you keep.
- 7 How precious is your steadfast love!
What confidence it brings!
Both high and low find shelter in
the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast within your house, and drink
from streams of your delight.
- 9 For with you is the source of life;
in your light we see light.

Reading and Sermon: Psalm 36 (page 465)

Psalm 36

1) Recognise the the Deceptive Darkness of Sin (verses 1-4)

2) Marvel at the Majestic Love of God (verses 5-9)

- **God's Love Is Vast and Unshakeable**
- **God's Love Is Precious and Personal**

3) Pray the Bold Prayer of the Beloved

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the flood-gates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above;
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him Who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

Here is love, vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

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Next week's services:

10.30am: Philippians 1:18-30 (The Christian – Partner)

6pm: Psalm 37

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