



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Morning – 3rd August 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on
the Christian's Identity as an Exile.

Psalm 84

- 1 How delightful are your dwellings,
O Almighty LORD, to me!
- 2 For your courts my soul is yearning;
in your house I long to be.
Heart and flesh cry out aloud
for the true and living God.
- 3 Even sparrows find their dwelling,
and the swallow builds a nest
Near your altar, LORD Almighty,
where her offspring may have rest.
- 4 Blessed whose home is your abode,
they are ever praising God.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
those who have a pilgrim's mind.
- 6 Pools from autumn rains refresh them;
springs in Baca's vale they find.
- 7 Strength increasing, Zionward
they go on their way to God.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory...

Edmond Louis Budry (1854–1932)
tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875–1939)

**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: John 14:1-6 (page 901)

1 Mine are days that God has numbered,

I was made to walk with him,
yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer!
Though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am his forevermore!

2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted:
Christ completes his work in me.

3 Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war,
and he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart
has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore!

Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore. [X2]

And mine are keys to Zion city...

Notices

1) 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!

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) An Evening with the Brashes – Join us on Wednesday 13th August as we hear from Richard Brash, our mission partner in Japan. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

5) Church Family BBQ – Wednesday 20th August at 1 Dempster Terrace from 6–8pm. All are welcome! Click [here](#) to sign up to bring food.

6) Serving – During 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

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.

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and Hell's
destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you.

after William Williams (1717–1791)
Peter Williams (1721–1796) and others

Reading and Sermon: 1 Peter 1:1–2 (page 1014)

The Christian: Exile

1) Our True Homeland is Heaven

- **Exile is Normal, Not a Mistake**
- **Heaven is Home, Not Here**
- **Longing is Holy, Not weak**

2) Our Truest Family is the Church

- **You Belong by Grace, Not Performance**
- **The Church is Home, Not a Hobby**
- **Exiles Stand Together, Not Alone**

3) Our True Calling is Obedience

- **You Were Saved for Obedience, Not Escape**
- **Holiness is Beautiful, Not Optional**
- **Obedience is Witness, Not Withdrawal**

Conclusion: You ARE different by grace, so BE different with courage, to MAKE a difference for Christ, until you're truly Home.

There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God our King
who reigns on high
Forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.
Hear heaven's voices sing...

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This evening's sermon passage is Psalm 39

Next week's services:

10.30am: John 15:1-8 (The Christian – Branch)
6pm: Psalm 40

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