



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Sunday Morning – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on  
the Christian's Identity as a Servant.

### **Psalm 89**

- 1 I will extol the LORD's great love for ever;  
your faithfulness to all I will proclaim.
- 2 I will declare your love stands firm for ever;  
your faithfulness in heaven you maintain.
  
- 24 "My faithful love will be with him for ever;  
his power will be exalted through my name.
- 25 His right hand I will set above the rivers;  
his rule upon the sea I will proclaim.
  
- 26 "He will declare to me, 'You are my Father;  
you are my Rock, my Saviour and my God.'
- 27 As my firstborn I also will appoint him,  
supreme among all kings on earth abroad.
  
- 28 "I will maintain my love to him for ever;  
my covenant with him will never fail.
- 29 His line for evermore I will establish;  
while heaven lasts, his kingdom will prevail.

**From the squalor of a borrowed stable,**  
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal  
came the Saviour of the human race!  
But the skies were filled with the praise of Heav'n,  
shepherds listen as the angels tell  
of the gift of God come down to man  
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,  
humble servant in the Father's hands,  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain,  
joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
yet his righteous steps give me hope again –  
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
he was lifted on a cruel cross;  
he was punished for a world's transgressions,  
he was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, he fights for me,  
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
and with a shout our souls are free –  
death defeated by Immanuel!

Now he's standing in the place of honour,  
crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
interceding for his own beloved  
till his Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies shall part as the trumpet sounds –  
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
but the bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
giving glory to Immanuel!

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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.

**Reading:** Isaiah 49:1–7 (page 609)

1 **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 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!'

4 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

# Notices

**1) Calling Evening** – The Congregation of St Andrews Free Church has agreed to call Rev John MacPherson as our Assistant Minister. The final step of the process is for a formal call document to be signed physically and put into John's hands. We will do that in a meeting on Wednesday 27th August at 7:15pm at 1 Dempster Terrace. We would encourage **all members who cannot be present** to authorise Paul Clarke, as our Senior Minister, to add their name to the call document on their behalf by filling out the google form [here](#). There is also the opportunity for you to express your support for calling John as Assistant Minister if you are not a formal member of the congregation.

**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](mailto:emiliemclarke@gmail.com)) for more details.

**3) Lord's Supper** – During the morning service next week.

**4) 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.

**5) 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](mailto: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.

## Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us joyfully sing to the LORD;  
To the Rock of salvation let us raise our voice.
- 2 Let us come before him expressing our thanks;  
Let us with loud singing praise him and rejoice.
- 3 The LORD is the great God, King over all gods.
- 4 The earth's deepest places he holds in his hand;  
The heights of the mountains belong to the LORD.
- 5 The oceans are his, and he formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow humbly and worship the LORD;  
Let us kneel before him, our Maker, in prayer.
- 7 For we are his people and he is our God;  
He shepherds and feeds us in his loving care.

**Reading and Sermon:** Luke 19:11–27 (page 878)

# **Luke 19:11-27**

**Intro:** 'School of Discipleship'

## **1) The Command of the King**

i. Absence and delay

ii. Commission

## **2) The Commendation of the Faithful**

i. Faithful service

ii. Lavish reward

## **3) The Condemnation of the Wicked**

i. Outright rebels

ii. Functional rebels

**My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
and clothed me in his light,  
and wrote his law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.

**My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fear to fly;  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take;  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.

**My heart is filled with thankfulness**

to him who reigns above;  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow him.

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*This evening's sermon passage is Jude 1-16*

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: Romans 12:1-2 (The Christian – Sacrifice)

6pm: Jude 17-25

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