



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Sunday Morning – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Simon Attwood will speak on  
the Christian's Identity as a Sacrifice.

### **Psalm 103**

- 1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart  
Let me exalt his holy name.
- 2 Forget not all his benefits;  
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
- 3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,  
And heals your sickness and distress;
- 4 Your life he rescues from the grave,  
And crowns you in his tenderness.
  
- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,  
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,  
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds,  
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love—as high as heaven  
Towards all those who fear the LORD!
  
- 12 As far as east is from the west,  
So far his love has borne away  
Our many sins and trespasses  
And all the guilt that on us lay.
- 13 Just as a father loves his child,  
So God loves those who fear his name.
- 14 For he remembers we are dust,  
And well he knows our feeble frame.

**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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**Prayer**

# Notices

**1) Summer LifeGroups** – Join us on Wednesday to discuss this morning's sermon in more detail. Come to 1 Dempster Place 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 39 Ruthven place as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another. Contact Emilie (emiliemclarke@gmail.com) for more details

**3) Parents Together** – Join us on Monday 8th September for an evening of partnership together as parents, thinking about what it looks like to worship together as a family. Drinks and snacks provided. 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start.

**4) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 10th September at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15 pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

**5) Ordination of John MacPherson** – Join us on Saturday 20th September as we ordain John as our Assistant Minister. Taking place at St Mark's Parish Church at 3pm.

**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](mailto:treasurer@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

## Children leave for Sunday School

### **I will sing the wondrous story**

of the Christ who died for me;  
how he left his home in glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
threw his loving arms around me,  
drew me back into his way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,  
faint was I from many a fall;  
sight was gone and fears possessed me,  
but he freed me from them all.

Days of darkness still come o'er me,  
sorrow's path I often tread,  
but the Saviour still is with me,  
by his hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet,  
then he'll bear me safely over  
where the loved ones I shall meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me;  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rawley (1854–1952)

# **The Christian: Sacrifice**

**Intro:** It's worship time all the time

## **1) The Christian motivation: The mercies of God**

- a. God's Mercies (1:16-17, 3:21-26, 4:5-8, 5:1-11, 5:17, 6:5-7, 8:1-39, 11:25-36)
- b. Christ's substitution
- c. Salvation by faith

## **2) The Christian life – A Living sacrifice**

- a. Present your Bodies
- b. Holy and acceptable
- c. The true nature of worship

## **3) The Christian mind – Renewed and transformed**

- a. Not conformed to the world
- b. Transformed BY renewal
- c. Discerning of God's will

**Conclusion:** Remembering the mercies of God

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep for us to undo.  
Please forgive us.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**When I survey the wondrous cross**  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

## **Lord's Supper**

We use non-alcoholic wine.

Gluten-free bread is available.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us spiritually  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

1 Oh, to see the dawn  
of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath –  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2 Oh, to see the pain  
written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
every evil deed  
crowning your bloodstained brow.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

3 Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life;  
'Finished!' the victory cry.  
*This, the power of the cross...*

4 Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
for through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love.  
This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God – slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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*This evening's sermon passage is Jude 17-25*

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

6pm: Matthew 13:1-23

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