



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 31st August 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on Jude 17–25.

Psalm 25

4 O LORD, reveal to me your ways,
And all your paths help me to know.

5 Direct and guide me in your truth;
Instruct me in the way to go.

You are my Saviour and my God;
All day I hope in you alone.

6 Remember, LORD, your love and grace
Which from past ages you have shown.

7 Do not recall my sins of youth
Or my rebellious, evil ways;
Remember me in your great love,
For you, O LORD, are good always.

8 Because the LORD is just and good,
He shows his paths to all who stray.

9 He guides the meek in what is right
And teaches them his holy way.

O great God of highest heaven

Occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme,

Conquer every rebel power

Let no vice or sin remain

That resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me,

Make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me;
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me!

Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into your presence,
and we do not deserve any grace or mercy from you,
because we have sinned against you and offended you.
And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offences,
so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
a loving and favourable Father to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son,
to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our sins.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our life,
but also the words of our mouth,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory,
now and forever. Amen.

Reading: John 13:1–11 (page 900)

How deep the Father's love for us,

how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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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 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

Psalm 122

- 1 "To the LORD's house!" they were calling,
and with joy I went with them.
- 2 Now at last our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.
- 3 See, Jerus'lem, like a city
built compactly, close and strong.
- 4 That is where the tribes assemble,
tribes which to the LORD belong.
- To the LORD's name praise they offer,
as for Israël decreed.
- 5 There are set the thrones for judgment,
thrones of David's royal seed.
- 6 Pray for Zion's peace and safety:
"May your friends securely dwell;
- 7 Peace within your walls continue,
strength within your citadel."
- 8 For the sake of friends and brothers,
"Peace be in you," I will say.
- 9 For the sake of our God's temple,
I seek your prosperity.

Reading and Sermon: Jude 17–25 (page 1027)

Jude 17-25

1) The Believers' Contending

- a. You must remember (v17-19)
- b. You must keep yourselves (v20-21)
- c. You must have mercy (v22-23)

2) The Lord's Keeping

- a. You will enter the presence of His glory (v24)
- b. He will receive all the glory (v25)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of Heaven, to Earth come down:
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.

Breathe on us your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in you inherit,
let us find your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temple leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation:
pure and sinless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory,
till in Heaven we take our place,
there to cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

6pm: Matthew 13:1–23

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