



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 5th October 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Chris McLean will speak on Matthew 13:47–52.

Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
in purpose and unity,
declaring aloud:

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honour and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen

©1985 Restoration Music, Ltd.
(Admin. by Restoration Music Ltd.)

Our Father in heaven,
we confess that we have done many things we should have left
undone, and failed to do many things you have commanded.
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 12 (page 576)

Psalm 91

- 1 The one whose dwelling is with God Most High
 In the Almighty's shadow safe will rest.
- 2 "He is my refuge," I say of the LORD,
 "My fortress and my God; in him I trust."
- 3 Surely he saves you from the fowler's snare
 And rescues you from deadly pestilence.
- 4 Under his wings a refuge you will find;
 His faithfulness will be your strong defence.
- 14 "Because he loves me," says the Sovereign LORD,
 "I'll rescue and deliver him from harm.
 Since he acknowledges my holy name,
 I will protect him with my mighty arm.
- 15 "He'll call on me, and I will answer him;
 With him in time of trouble I will be.
 I will deliver him and honour him.
- 16 Long will he live, and my salvation see."

Come behold the wondrous mystery

in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the Law – in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
Christ the Lord upon the tree!
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance!
How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa
©2012 Bleecker Publishing, McKinney Music Inc.,
Love Your Enemies Publishing

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) During the week – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal. Evergreens next meets on 14th October. Talk to a member of staff or send an email to church@standrewsfreechurch for more info about our regular bible studies.

2) Woman's Brunch – The Women's Ministry Team warmly invites all ladies to join them for a potluck brunch on Saturday 11th October from 10am–12pm. We will consider together how we can better use our gifts in God's glorious mission. Sign up to bring food [here](#) and contact Kirsty with any questions: kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

3) Divinity Fellowship – Meeting on 15th October from 3:30–5pm, this is a group for Divinity students (both undergrad and postgrad) to do theology in fellowship with Christ and with one another, prayerfully thinking as, in and for the church. Contact Hamish Sneddon at hjsneddon@gmail.com for more details.

4) Glow Party – A family event of crafts, games and activities aimed at primary-age children, celebrating light and hope. This is on Sunday 26th October from 3:30–5:30pm in Holy Trinity Church. Click [here](#) to register and for more details.

5) Conference: Send Me! – On Saturday 1st November in Edinburgh, this training aims to help people consider 'set apart' gospel work and to strengthen them in their current ministry. Find out more and register [here](#).

6) Music Training – All musicians in the church are invited to a time of reflection upon our music ministry and an opportunity to get to know one another better. You don't have to be involved in playing on Sundays; come anyway! Meeting on Saturday 8th November from around 10am–1pm. Stay tuned for more details.

7) Ministry Opportunities – Applications are now open for places on our Ministry Trainee Scheme and Minister and Women's Worker-in-Training Programmes for next year. To find out more or for an application form, please speak to Paul (paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).

8) 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

I will glory in my Redeemer

whose priceless blood has ransomed me;
mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
and hung him on that judgement tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer
who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Saviour before the holy Judge;
the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer –
my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer –
his faithfulness, my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by his grace,
my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer
who carries me on eagles' wings;
he crowns my life with loving kindness,
his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer
who waits for me at gates of gold,
and when he calls me, it will be paradise
his face forever to behold,
his face forever to behold.

"I Will Glory In My Redeemer" Steve Cook, Vikki Cook
© 2001 Sovereign Grace Worship

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 13:47–52 (page 819)

Matthew 13:47-52

1. The World: One day to be Divided by God (verses 47-50)

- **Gathered together**

- **Sorted apart**

2. The Treasure: Now to be Shared by Disciples (verses 51-52)

- **Do you understand?**

- **Do you share?**

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.

2004 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music Ltd)

Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

6pm: Matthew 13:53-58

Website: www.standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Senior Minister: Rev. Paul Clarke paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Charity Number: SCO45054 Songs reproduced under CCLI No. 1399599