



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Sunday Evening – 26th October 2025

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Simon Attwood will speak on Matthew 14:13–21.

Psalm 84

- 8 Hear my pray'r, LORD God Almighty,
and receive the plea I make.
Listen to me, God of Jacob;
hear me for your mercy's sake.
- 9 Look upon our shield and bring
favour to your chosen king.
- 10 One day in your courts is better
than a thousand days elsewhere.
Let me stay in my God's temple —
let me be a doorman there —
Rather than find happiness
in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD gives grace and honour;
God will be a shield and sun.
He will not withhold his blessing
from the just and blameless one.
- 12 LORD Almighty, great and true,
blessed the one who trusts in you.

Come and stand before your maker

Full of wonder, full of fear;
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near,
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love.

Rejoice!

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice;

He is worthy of all praise,

Rejoice!

Sing the mercies of your King

And with trembling, rejoice.

We are children of the promise,
The beloved of the Lord.
Won with everlasting kindness,
Bought with sacrificial blood.
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go.

Rejoice...

All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
Turning tragedy to triumph,
Turning agony to praise,
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed.

Rejoice...

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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.**

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;

and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;

and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;

and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;

and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power

till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;

till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,

redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;

redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

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) Two Services – In preparation for planting a second morning service, we are asking everyone in the church to fill out [this form](#) to commit to a service and to volunteer for various areas of church serving.

2) The Gift of Life: from beginning to end – A student seminar on Thursday 30th October at 7.30pm in the Halls.

3) Prayer Breakfast – Join us to pray as a church family in the Halls on Saturday 1st November from 10am–12pm. Sign up to bring food [here](#).

4) During the week – Wednesday LifeGroups continue as normal. Evergreens meets from 2–3:30pm this Tuesday at 1 Trinity Place. There will be no Friday Fellowship this week. Contact church@standrewsfreechurch for info about our regular bible studies.

5) Hope Explored – A three-week introduction to the Christian faith (3rd, 10th, 17th November), exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk to find out more.

6) 20s & 30s Social – If you are in your 20s or 30s, you are invited to hang out at St Andrews Brew Co from 7pm on Monday 3rd November.

7) 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 in the Halls on Saturday 15th November from around 10am–1pm.

8) Women's Evangelistic Wreath-making Workshops – Taking place on Saturday 29th November. Save the date!

9) Blythswood Shoebox Appeal – Would you be able to give a poverty-stricken child a shoebox full of presents this Christmas? Blythswood Care is a Christian charity aiming to take the good news of Jesus to people by including a suitable Bible or book about Jesus with each shoebox, all being sent to Eastern Europe. Please contact Jacqui Barr for more information (jacqui.barr@yahoo.com). Wrapped boxes are available at the back of the building and must be returned by 9th November.

10) 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

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1–10 (page 152)

My song is love unknown,
my saviour's love for me;
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be:
but who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from heaven's throne
salvation to bestow;
but they refused, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
this is my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend.

Here might I stay and sing
of him my soul adores;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like yours!
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Jubilate Hymns version of 'My song is love unknown'
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Reading and Sermon: Matthew 14:13–21 (page 820)

Matthew 14:13-21

Intro: Willing and able?

Two kings – Two meals

Jesus – The God rich in compassion and mercy

Jesus – The divine provider of all that is needed

Conclusion: A throne worth approaching

1 I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

2 There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory

To our God be praise

He alone the name above all names

I will boast ever only in the Lord my God

For I know His glory is my good

3 See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

4 Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

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Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

6pm: Matthew 14:22-36

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