



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 22nd February 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Simon Attwood will speak on Matthew 17:14–27.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore:
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice,
rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart...

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven.
The keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart...

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.

*We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice:
God's trumpet-call shall sound, rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

You're the Word of God the Father

from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
you're the Lord of every man,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands!*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea,
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.
You're the Author of creation...

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation,
you are leading sinners home.
You're the Author of creation...

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1–9 (page 173)

What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Blessed Saviour You have promised
You will all our burdens bear
May we ever Lord be bringing
All to You in earnest prayer
Soon in glory bright unclouded
There will be no need for prayer
Rapture praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there

Notices

Children leave for Crèche, Scramblers and Sunday School (9:30 service)

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 78

1-2 O my people, hear my teaching;
parables I will unfold.
Give attention as I utter
dark and hidden things of old –
3 things that we have heard and known;
by our fathers they were shown.

4 We will tell them to our children,
generations yet to come;
We will show the LORD's great power
and the wonders he has done.
5 Laws for Israël he made,
statutes firm to be obeyed.

These he ordered our forefathers
to their families to tell,
6 So the coming generation,
not yet born, would know them well,
and their children, in their turn,
God's commands and laws would learn.

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 17:14-27 (page 822)

Matthew 17:14-27

Intro: The descent

What disciples need to know in the valley:

- Without Faith we are truly impotent (verses 14-21)
- Christ has done all that is needed to guarantee our faith (verses 22-23)
- By faith we are adopted as free sons (verses 24-27)

Conclusion: Down here with us

To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice.

*Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God:
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord!...

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son!
But purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord!...

Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

This evening's sermon passage is Isaiah 7:1-8:10.

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Matthew 18:1-4

6pm: Isaiah 8:11-9:7

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Notices

1) Student Lunch: Lost in the Prophets? – Following today's 11:30, all students are invited to a lunch on How to Read and Understand the Prophetic Books of the Bible.

2) Prayer Meeting – Join us to pray as a church family this Wednesday (25th February) at 1 Dempster Terrace, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. All are welcome!

3) During the week – Thursday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal this week. Evergreens meets at 2pm at 10 Doocot Road this Tuesday. There will be no Wednesday LifeGroups due to the prayer meeting. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about our weekly bible studies.

4) Lord's Supper – During the evening service next week.

5) Ministry Meeting – Every Christian is called to serve Christ. Some are also called to make gospel ministry the focus of their life's work. If you'd like to explore whether that might be something worth considering, even tentatively, we're gathering on Monday 9th March, 7:30pm at 1 Dempster Terrace. This is for anyone curious, prayerful or simply open to thinking about how the Lord might use them in the future.

6) Women's Teaching Day: Transformed by Grace – Join us on Saturday 14th March at St Andrews Baptist Church as Rachel Sloan teaches from Titus. There will also be seminars, prayer and plenty of fellowship. Book [here](#) and contact Kirsty with any questions.

7) Event: Did Darwin displace God? – Join us at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th March at St Mark's Parish Church for an evening with Professor Richard Buggs, an evolutionary biologist, as he explains the scientific evidence for God and why evolution does not explain it away. His talk will be followed by a Q&A. Click [here](#) for a flyer to share with others.

8) 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 23rd March.

9) 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