



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Morning Service – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 2 Corinthians 8:1–9.

### **Psalm 93**

- 1 The LORD is king; his throne endures  
majestic in his height.  
The LORD is robed in majesty  
and armed with strength and might.  
  
The world is founded firm and sure –  
removed it cannot be.
- 2 Your throne is strong, and you are God  
from all eternity.
- 3 The seas, O LORD, have lifted up,  
they lifted up their voice;  
The seas have lifted up their waves  
and made a mighty noise.
- 4 The LORD, enthroned on high, is strong;  
more powerful is he  
Than thunder of the ocean's waves  
or breakers of the sea.
- 5 Your royal statutes, LORD, stand firm;  
unchanging is your word.  
And holiness adorns your house  
for endless days, O LORD.

**Crown him with many crowns,**  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
while Heaven's eternal anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of Life  
triumphant from the grave,  
who rose victorious from the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high;  
he died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of Love,  
who shows his hands and side –  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" Matthew Bridges,  
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**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants  
give you our humble and heartfelt  
thanks for all your goodness and  
loving-kindness to us and all mankind.  
We praise you for our creation,  
preservation and all the  
blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable  
love in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace  
and for the hope of glory.**

**We pray that you will give us  
such an awareness of your  
goodness that our hearts may be  
truly thankful and that we may  
declare your praise not only with  
our lips but in our lives, by giving  
ourselves in your service and by  
walking before you in holiness and  
righteousness all our days.  
All honour be to you, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit, now and through  
all eternity.  
Amen.**

**Reading:** 1 Chronicles 29:10–22a (page 357)

**Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,**

Your glory shines in all that you have made.  
You spoke the Word who broke into the darkness,  
All earth replies: 'majestic is Your name.'  
And who am I, though made below the angels,  
That You my King are mindful of my ways?  
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,  
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent,  
As on the cross the Light was pierced with dark.  
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,  
The One who spoke out stars now breathes His last.  
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners,  
That You would pay the price my sin deserves?  
My Maker scarred for those who marred His likeness,  
And from His wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,  
Death could not hold the One who authored life!  
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness,  
And in our hearts His risen life now shines.  
And who are we that You would call us children,  
And raise us up from death to life with you?  
Where we will sing the New Creation anthem:  
'O praise the One who's making all things new.'

And so we wait in eager expectation,  
And join the song as all creation groans:  
'Lord haste the Day decay is slain by glory,  
The Day you call Your sons and daughters home.'

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**Notices**

## 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.

**I stand amazed in the presence**  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how he could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be;  
How marvellous! How wonderful!  
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed, "Not my will, but thine;"  
He had no tears for his own griefs,  
But sweat drops of blood for mine.  
*How marvellous...*

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them his very own;  
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,  
And suffered and died alone.  
*How marvellous...*

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of his love for me.  
*How marvellous...*

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**Reading and Sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (page 967)**

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

**Intro:** 'All that I am...'

### **1) The Gift of Grace – how much has God given me?**

i) Common grace

ii) Special grace

### **2) The Grace of Giving – how much can I give back to God?**

i) The Example

ii) Our selves

iii) Our resources

**Conclusion:** Excelling...

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, Percy Dearmer

*This evening's sermon passage is Isaiah 11:1-12:6.*

**Next week's services:**

9:30 & 11:30am: Seeking Purpose (John 4:1-30)

6pm: Seeking Freedom (John 8:31-36)

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# Notices

## A Passion for Life Events

### Guest Services

29th March 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Purpose 6pm | Seeking Freedom

5th April 9:30 & 11:30am | Seeking Hope 6pm | Seeking Security

**Hope Explored** – A three-week introduction to the Christian faith beginning on 13th April, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life. Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) for flyers of all these events to share with others.

- 1) Youth Group** – Meeting this afternoon from 3:30–5:30pm at John and Hilary's house. Contact [hilaryous95@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryous95@gmail.com) for more details, including the address.
- 2) Q&A** – Immediately following this evening's service, bring your questions on our Isaiah sermon series or submit them [here](#).
- 3) 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.
- 4) During the week** – LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as normal. Evergreens meets at 2pm this Tuesday (24th March) at a **new** location. Email [church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) if you need the address or for more info about any of our weekly bible studies.
- 5) Good Friday Service** – 3pm on 3rd April in the Halls. We will take the Lord's Supper together during this service.
- 6) Baptisms** – We're planning a baptism service in the near future. If you haven't been baptised and would like to talk more about it, get in touch with Paul at [paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)
- 7) 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)