



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 12th April 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Corinthians 11:2–16.

Psalm 115

- 1 LORD, not to us, O not to us—
to your name be the praise,
Because your love and faithfulness
endure, O LORD, always.

- 2 Why do the nations question us?
“Where is their God?” they say.
- 3 Our God inhabits heaven high
and over all holds sway.

- 16 The highest heavens belong to God;
the earth to us he gave.
- 17 It’s not the dead who praise the LORD;
they’re silent in the grave.

- 18 But we extol the LORD on high,
his majesty proclaim.
Both now and evermore exalt
and praise his holy name!

Awake, awake, O Zion,
and clothe yourself with strength,
shake off your dust
and fix your eyes on him.
For you have been redeemed by
the precious blood of Jesus,
and now you sit enthroned with him.

*Our God reigns,
he is King of all the earth.
Our God reigns
and He's seated on the throne.
Lift your voice,
and sing a song of praise.
Our God reigns,
the awesome Lord most high.*

How beautiful the feet are
of those who bring good news,
For they proclaim
the peace that comes from God.
Rise up, you holy nation,
proclaim the great salvation,
and say to Zion 'Your God reigns.'
Our God reigns...

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
our God is with us now.

The watchmen lift their voices,
and raise a shout of joy,
for he will come again.
Then all eyes will see
the salvation of our God,
for he has redeemed Jerusalem.
Our God reigns...

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Reading: Luke 7:36–50 (page 864)

**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.**

See him in Jerusalem

walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to him;
now they cry for murder!
Such a frail and lonely man,
holding up the heavy cross.
See him walking in Jerusalem
on the road to save us.

See him there upon the hill;
hear the scorn and laughter.
Silent as a lamb he waits,
praying to the Father.
See the King, who made the sun
and the moon and shining stars
let the soldiers hold and nail him down
so that he could save them.

See him there upon the cross
now no longer breathing.
Dust that formed the watching crowds
takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel the earth is shaking now,
see the veil is split in two,
and he stood before the wrath of God,
shielding sinners with his blood.

See the empty tomb today:
death could not contain him.
Once the Servant of the world,
now in vict'ry reigning!
Lift your voices to the One
who is seated on the throne.
See him in the new Jerusalem;
praise the One who saved us!

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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

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!

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Reading and Sermon: 1 Corinthians 11:2–16 (page 958)

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Intro: God is in the room

1) The Principle – the head leads for everyone’s good

i. Headship

See Eph. 5:23; 1:22; 1 Cor. 15:24, 28

ii. Dishonour

2) The Practice – honour your head out of reverence for God

i. To them then

ii. To us now

Conclusion: God is in the room

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how nor when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured;
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, has come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
nor how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all our hearts with love for him are filled.
But this I know, the skies will sound his praises,
ten thousand thousand human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1920)

Next week's services:

9:30 & 11:30am: Joshua 2
6pm: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

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- 1) Hope Explored** – A three-week introduction to the Christian faith on 13th, 20th & 27th April, exploring the topics of hope, peace and purpose in life with a meal beforehand. Click [here](#) to sign up. If you would be able to cook on any of the three evenings, let Simon know: simon@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk
- 2) Prayer Meeting** – Join us to pray as a church family on Wednesday 15th April, 7:15pm for a 7:30 start at the new venue of St Andrews Bowling Club on Pipeland Road. All are welcome!
- 3) 20s & 30s Hillwalking Social** – For anyone in this age bracket or otherwise, this will be a walk up a Fife hill on the afternoon of Saturday 18th April. If you're interested, let Lizzie know at elizabeth.coe@cantab.net
- 4) Student Lunch** – After the 11:30 service on Sunday 19th April.
- 5) Lord's Supper** – During the evening service next week (19th April).
- 6) During the week** – Thursday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. Wednesday LifeGroups will not take place due to the prayer meeting. Evergreens returns on 28th April. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk if you need the address or for more info about any of our weekly bible studies.
- 7) Desserts & Discipleship** – For all women, join us at 7:15pm at 1 Dempster Terrace for sweet treats, discussion and prayer on Friday 1st May.
- 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