



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 31st May 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Simon Attwood will speak on 1 Corinthians 15:12–28.

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
to the anguish and the shame of scandal
came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of Heav'n,
shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the gift of God come down to man
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,
humble servant in the Father's hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, he walked my road and he felt my pain,
joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet his righteous steps give me hope again—
I will follow my Immanuel!

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
he was lifted on a cruel cross;
he was punished for a world's transgressions,
he was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me,
loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout our souls are free —
death defeated by Immanuel!

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Now he's standing in the place of honour,
crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for his own beloved
till his Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies shall part as the trumpet sounds –
hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the bride will run to her Lover's arms,
giving glory to Immanuel!

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**Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father,
we confess and acknowledge that we are poor sinners,
prone to do what is evil,
and incapable of any good apart from your grace.
Have mercy upon us, gentle and merciful God,
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
And fill us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may abound in love more and more,
and be filled with the fruit of righteousness,
to your glory and praise. Amen.**

Corporate Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

- ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.**
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.**
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.**
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice,
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
come, let us adore him.*

*Behold our King – nothing can compare;
come, let us adore him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God...

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave;
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign.

Behold our God...

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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

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD's my shepherd, I'll not want.
- 2 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
- 3 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
- 5 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
- 6 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
And in GOD's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul...

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Reading and Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15:12–28 (page 961)

1 **Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,**
by his own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.

2 Silent as he stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned;
bowing to the Father's will,
he took a crown of thorns.

*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
where your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out 'Hallelujah!
Praise and honour unto thee.'*

3 Sent of heaven, God's own Son
to purchase and redeem
and reconcile the very ones
who nailed him to that tree.
Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

Now my debt is paid,
it is paid in full
by the precious blood
that my Jesus spilled.

Now the curse of sin
has no hold on me
whom the Son sets free
oh is free indeed.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

4 See the stone is rolled away:
behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised,
he's risen from the grave.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

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Next week's services:

10:30am: Joshua 13:1-14:15

6pm: 1 Corinthians 15:29-58

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Notices

1) During the week – Wednesday LifeGroups and Friday Fellowship continue as usual this week. Thursday LifeGroups has concluded for the summer. Email church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk for more info about any of our weekly bible studies and meetings.

2) Summer Focus – From June 10th until July 29th, we will be meeting altogether on Wednesday evenings in Holy Trinity Halls in place of our regular bible studies to consider how we can best love our church. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

3) Serving – If you have never filled out a church serving form, click [here](#) and let us know how you would like to serve. As summer approaches, it is helpful to us if you can note your unavailability on Elvanto. If you need access or guidance in doing this, contact stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

4) 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