



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 12th July 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on Psalm 45.

Psalm 45

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| 1 | A noble theme inspires my heart
with verses for the king;
My tongue's a skilful writer's pen,
composing lines to sing. | 7 | Anointing you with oil of joy,
your God has made you great,
Because you care for righteousness,
and wickedness you hate. |
| 2 | You far excel the best of men;
your lips are full of grace,
For God has blessed you evermore;
his light shines on your face. | 11 | Because your beauty is so great,
the king is held in thrall.
He is your lord; give him respect,
before him humbly fall. |
| 6 | Your royal throne, O God, will last
throughout eternity;
Your kingdom's sceptre will be one
of truth and equity. | 17 | I will perpetuate your fame
through everlasting days;
Therefore the nations of the world
will ever sing your praise. |

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song,
and children's voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns –
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
the hungry and the poor are blessed.

Let all creation rise and bring
the highest honours to our king;
angels descend with songs again
and Earth repeat the loud 'Amen!'

Based on Psalm 72; Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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.

Come behold the wondrous mystery

in the dawning of the King.

He the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!

Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam
come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfilment
of the Law – in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
Christ the Lord upon the tree!
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery:
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance!
How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

Reading: Hebrews 1:5–13 (page 1001)

Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

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.**

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thunderous anthem rings
through emerald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power,
strength, thanks and honour are
to God our King
who reigns on high
Forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home;
our life before the throne.
We'll honour him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.
Hear heaven's voices sing...

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Reading and Sermon: Psalm 45 (page 471)

Psalm 45

1) Behold the King in all his beauty (verses 1-9)

- His word gives life (verse 2)
- His victory makes things right (verses 3-5)
- His throne will never fall (verses 6-7a)
- His joy fills the palace (verses 7b-9)

2. Come to the King and belong to him (verses 10-15)

3. Join the praise of the King that will fill the earth (verses 16-17)

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.

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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 20:17–34.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Psalm 46

6pm: Matthew 21:1–11

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Notices

- 1) Church Family Picnic** – Following this morning's service next in Woodburn Park. Bring your own food and picnic rugs etc. All welcome!
- 2) Summer Focus** – Continuing this Wednesday evening, we gather altogether to consider how we can best love our church. For this week only, we will meet at **1 Dempster Terrace**. Come from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.
- 3) Lord's Supper** – During the morning service next Sunday.
- 4) A Tale of Two Kings** – The St Andrews Churches Holiday Club is taking place on the 11th–14th August. It's great fun and a precious opportunity to welcome young people from across our town and share Jesus with them. Please be praying and inviting others. Go [here](#) to sign up a child.
- 5) Ladies' Summer Fellowship** – All women in the church are invited to a relaxed time of coffee, chat and prayer at 2pm on Friday 31st July, venue tbc. Future gatherings will be at 10:30am on 14th & 28th August.
- 6) Summer Reading** – We are encouraging people to read J.I.Packer's book 'Knowing God' over the summer. Find yourself a copy and read along!
- 7) Arbroath Juniors** – We have 'adopted' this Free Church Youth Camp, taking place at the end of July. We encourage you to consider how you can support the camp. Send stephen@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk a message if you would like to receive prayer updates or to find out more about assisting with chaperoning and contributing baking or financial support towards the camp.
- 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