



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 2nd August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on Psalm 48.

Praise my soul the King of heaven!

To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers, in distress;
praise him still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

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: Revelation 21:9–22 (page 1041)

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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Notices and Children Leave for Sunday School

Prayer

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.

1 I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

2 There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory

To our God be praise

He alone the name above all names

I will boast ever only in the Lord my God

For I know His glory is my good

3 See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

4 Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

To our God be the glory...

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Reading and Sermon: Psalm 48 (page 472)

Psalm 48

Intro: How to live in a confusing world

One main point: God will build his Church (verse 8)

i) He has defeated evil (verses 4–7)

ii) He has demonstrated love (verses 9–11)

Two implications:

- Praise the Lord (verses 1–3)
- Tell the world (verses 12–14)

Psalm 48

- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen:
 God's city will endure;
 The LORD Almighty evermore
 his city keeps secure.
- 9 We contemplate your steadfast love
 within your house, O God;
- 10 For, like your name, your praise extends
 through all the earth abroad.
- All that you do is righteous, LORD.
- 11 Mount Zion's joy is great,
 And Judah's towns rejoice, as they
 your judgments celebrate.
- 12 Round Zion walk and count her towers;
- 13 view every citadel,
 So that to children yet unborn
 her story you may tell.
- 14 For God the LORD, who is our God,
 for ever will abide;
 He is our God for evermore
 and to the end our guide.

I cast my mind to Calvary

where Jesus bled and died for me.

I see his wounds, his hands, his feet;
my Saviour on that curséd tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears.
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone;
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise his name forever more.
For endless days,
we will sing your praise
O Lord, O Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

He shall return in robes of white,
the blazing Son shall pierce the night,
and I will rise among the saints,
my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

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This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 21:23–32.

Next week's services:

10:30am: Psalm 49

6pm: Matthew 21:23–32

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Notices

1) Summer Sessions – There is One True God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Join us over the next three weeks as we dig in to what the Bible says about this most foundational of truths, so that together we might know Him as He is in love and worship. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start on Wednesday evening.

2) 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.

3) Ladies' Summer Fellowship – All women in the church are invited to a relaxed time of coffee, chat and prayer at 10:30am on 14th & 28th August. Venue tbc.

4) An Evening with the Brashes – We will hear from our mission partners in Japan, the Brash family, on the evening of Wednesday 26th August. Come to 1 Dempster Terrace from 7:15pm for a 7:30 start.

5) 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