



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Evening Service – 2nd August 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Simon Attwood will speak on Matthew 21:23–32.

Psalm 104

- 1 Praise the LORD, my soul, O praise him!
LORD my God, you are so great!
- 2 Wrapped in light as with a garment,
clothed in majesty and state.
Like a tent he spreads the heavens,
- 3 and above the waters there
Sets the framework of his dwelling,
making it an upper layer.

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| He makes clouds of heav'n his chariot;
on the wings of wind he rides. | 31 May the LORD's majestic glory
always last and never fade;
May the LORD rejoice and triumph
in the works that he has made. |
| 4 He makes flames of fire his servants;
winds obey what he decides. | 32 When he gazes on creation,
earth begins to shake in fear.
At his touch the mountains tremble;
smoke and flames of fire appear. |
| 5 He set earth on its foundations,
so that it should never move; | |
| 6 Then the deep submerged the mountains
till the waters stood above. | |
| 27 All your creatures look towards you
for their food to be supplied. | 33 To the LORD throughout my lifetime,
to my God I will sing praise. |
| 28 What you give to them they gather,
with your goodness satisfied. | 34 May my meditation please him,
as to him my song I raise. |
| 29 When you hide your face, they're troubled;
lifeless, they return to earth. | 35 But may sinners flee before him,
and the wicked be no more. |
| 30 When new life comes from your Spirit,
to earth's face you give rebirth. | 36 Praise be to the LORD Almighty;
O my soul, the LORD adore! |

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

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Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–24 (page 722)

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.
Praise the Lord...

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.
Praise the Lord...

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me
of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

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.

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There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

Reading and Sermon: Matthew 21:23–32 (page 827)

Matthew 21:23–32

Intro: By what authority?

Old Israel – Stubbornly refusing to listen to God

New Israel – Humbly submitting to the son

Conclusion: Change your mind – Change your life

How I love the voice of Jesus

On the cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross
It was finished upon that cross

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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