



**Free Church
of St Andrews**

Morning Service – 6th September 2026

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Peter 1:1–2.

Psalm 100

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
- 2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 4 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
- 5 For why? the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Come People of the Risen King,

who delight to bring him praise;
come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change,
and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice...

Come, young and old from every land –
men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands –
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing –
shore to shore we hear them call
the Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"

Rejoice...

"Come People of the Risen King" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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Reading: Ephesians 1:3–14 (page 976)

O Father,
we are gathered before you,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place
is with the broken and contrite,
to confess that we have sinned in
thought and word and deed;
we have not loved you
with all our heart and soul,
we have not loved you
with all our mind and strength;
we have not even loved our
neighbour as ourselves.

Purge us from selfishness,
the fear of man, and the love of praise.
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for
the wrong we have done and for the
good we have left undone,
so that we may truly hate our sin.
But, please Father,
do not leave us in sorrow.
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.
In your mercy,
restore the joy of our salvation;
so that we may love you with a holy love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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...

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.

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty,
hold me with your powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and Hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever sing to you.

Peter Williams (1721–1796) and others
after William Williams (1717–1791)

Reading and Sermon: 1 Peter 1:1–2 (page 1014)

1 Peter 1:1-2

Intro: Identity

1) You are God's ELECT – be reassured

i) Loved by the Father

ii) Sanctified by the Spirit

iii) Belonging to the Son

- Reassurance
- Obedience

2) You are EXILES in the world – be ready

- Place – where is my home?
- People – who are my people?
- Pattern of life – who do I follow?
- Power – who calls the shots?

Conclusion: Be true to your true self

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!

There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine!
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me;
through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold,
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released;
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
for he has said that he will bring me home,
and day by day I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold,
my hope is only Jesus;
all the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
'Yet not I, but through Christ in me'.

This evening's sermon passage is Matthew 22:34-46.

Next week's services:

10:30am: 1 Peter 1:3-5

6pm: 1 Samuel 1-2

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If you have any questions or would like to join us for any of the events below, you can chat to the service leader or send us an email at church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Freshers Lunch | Sun 6th September

For new students, immediately following both services on 6th & 13th September.
Listen out during either of the morning services for more details.

Youth Group | Sun 6th September | 3:30–5:30pm

For teenagers aged 12–18, the first regular study will be this afternoon in the Halls.

Prayer Meeting | Wed 9th September | 7:15pm

Join us to pray as a church family at Cosmos Community Centre. All are welcome!

Student Bonfire | Thur 10th September | 7:30pm

Join us on East Sands by the Coastguard Station.

Friday Fellowship | Fri 11th September | 10am

All women who are at home during the day are warmly invited to join us at 1 Dempster Terrace as we reflect on the Sunday morning sermon and pray for one another.

Newcomers Lunch | Sun 13th September

If you are relatively new to our church or are exploring churches in town, but you are not a student, you are invited to lunch on 13th & 20th September. Chat to the service leader if you are interested and we'll connect you with the hosts.

Evergreens – This ministry is aimed at encouraging some of the 'more experienced' saints in our church family. Join us for tea, cake, encouragement and prayer at 2pm on Tuesday 15th September at 10 Doocot Road.

Student Lunch – In the Halls following the 11:30 service on 20th September on the topic of 'What am I really at university for?'

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