



**Free Church  
of St Andrews**

## **Evening Service – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening John MacPherson will speak on 1 Samuel 4:1–7:16.

**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...*

"How Great Thou Art" Stuart Wesley Keene Hine  
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**Our Father in heaven,  
we confess that we have done many things we should have left undone,  
and failed to do many things you have commanded.  
Forgive our sins and have mercy on us, we pray.  
And help us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## Psalm 33

- 1 Sing with joy to God, you righteous!  
He deserves His people's praise.
- 2 Worship Him with harp and lyre!  
Sing to Him as music plays.
- 3 Sing a new song to our Saviour;  
Shout for joy and play with skill;
- 4 For His word is right and truthful;  
Our great God is faithful still.
  
- 13 God looks down on men from heaven;  
14 From His dwelling He sees through  
15 He, who forms the hearts of people,  
Watches everything they do.
- 16 Human armies cannot save us,  
Strength of soldiers won't prevail;
- 17 Horses' power is vain and worthless;  
All this earthly strength will fail.
  
- 18 God takes care of those who fear, and  
Trust in His unfailing love,
- 19 Keeping them alive in famine;  
Saving them from death's dark grove.
- 20 We trust in this Shield and Helper;
- 21 All our joy is in Him, too.
- 22 May Your sure love rest upon us,  
As we put our trust in You!

**Reading:** 1 Samuel 4:1–11; 5:1–12 (page 228)

### **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.

### **Testimony**

### **Notices**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer**

Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts.  
My song, when enemies surround me  
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy, when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Saviour of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered, bled and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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**Who, O Lord, could save themselves,**

Their own soul could heal?

Our shame was deeper than the sea

Your grace is deeper still

(Repeat)

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save*

*You alone can lift us from the grave*

*You came down to find us, led us out of death*

*To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, O Lord, have made a way

The great divide You heal

For when our hearts were far away

Your love went further still

*You alone can rescue...*

"You Alone Can Rescue" Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

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**Next week's services:**

9:30 & 11:30am: 1 Peter 1:22–2:3

6pm: 1 Samuel 8

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Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! If you are new and would like to find out more about us, click [here](#) to fill in our welcome form and visit our website. You'll be given the option to meet with a member of the church team for a coffee. You can also find digital copies of the service sheets and the option to give online.

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](mailto:church@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

### **Evergreens | Tue 29th September | 2pm**

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 10 Doocot Road.

### **Wednesday LifeGroups | Wed 30th September | 7:30pm**

For year-round members of the church family, meeting in homes across St Andrews. Click [here](#) for the termcard.

### **Thursday LifeGroups | Thur 1st October | 7:30pm**

Our student bible study, taking place in the Halls. You're welcome to join, even if you are still deciding whether to join our church.

### **Friday Fellowship | Fri 2nd October | 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.

### **Scottish Women's Bible Convention**

A day of teaching for women on Saturday 3rd October in Edinburgh. Contact Kirsty: [kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)

### **20s & 30s Social – Monday 12th**

October from 7pm at St Andrews Brewing Co on South Street.

**Guest Services** – Join us and invite others to our morning services on 11th October as we consider 'The Heart of God'.

**Glow Party** – A family event of crafts, games and activities aimed at primary-age children, celebrating light and hope from 2:30–4pm on Saturday 25th October.

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