



St Andrews
FREECHURCH

Sunday Morning – 13th September 2020

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Paul Clarke will speak on 1 Peter 1:1-2.
A self-service crèche space is available in the northeast corner of the building.

God of grace, amazing wonder,
irresistible and free.
Oh, the miracle of mercy;
Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
as my God restores my soul:
his own blood has paid my ransom;
awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me
long before the world began;
sent my Saviour down from heaven:
perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as his own.
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me,
as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory,
where one day I'll see your face;
and forever I'll adore you
in your everlasting grace.

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Reading: Exodus 24:1-8

**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.**

Prayers

**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.**

Notices

New in Town?

If you have just arrived in town and are looking for a church, we would love to welcome you. Please join us after our livestream service this morning to meet a few of our church family.

Welcome Zoom, 11.35am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81382459610>

Meeting ID: 813 8245 9610

Passcode: 373686

To find out more about what's happening in the life of our church, fill out a contact form: [undergrad form](#); [post-grad/non-student form](#).

1. **Sunday Services** - It's great that some of us are now able to meet in the Halls. Please watch for an email each week about seat allocation and reply as soon as you can. If you haven't yet told us you'd like to attend, please fill in the ['I'd Like to Come to Church' form](#) below the Livestream box.
2. **Wednesday LifeGroups** - Run all year round. Please come along to a welcome evening this week on Zoom at 7:45pm. Contact jodymaciver23@gmail.com for further details.
3. **Thursday LifeGroups** - On 17th September, we'll be having a welcome night for new & returning students on Zoom. To attend or find out more, sign up on our website (www.standrewsfreechurch.co.uk/welcome) or e-mail matty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk.
4. **Early Morning Prayer** – Our Tuesday morning prayer meeting on Zoom, between 7.45-8.15am. Open to everyone in the church family. Contact Matty for more information (matty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).
5. **Tuesday Women's Group** will continue to meet to discuss and pray in light of the morning sermon. Contact Kirsty (kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk) for more information.

Psalm 103

- 1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
- 2 Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
- 3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
- 4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

- 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
- 9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
- 10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
- 11 How great his love—as high as heaven—
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

- 12 As far as east is from the west,
So far his love has borne away
Our many sins and trespasses
And all the guilt that on us lay.
Just as a father loves his child,
- 13 So God loves those who fear his name.
For he remembers we are dust,
- 14 And well he knows our feeble frame.

Reading and sermon: 1 Peter 1:1-2

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Introduction: Who are you?

1. In relation to God, you are elect

... according to the foreknowledge of the Father

... in the sanctification of the Spirit

... for obedience to the Son (see Exodus 24)

Implications: Identity & behaviour

2. In relation to the world, we are exiles

Place

People

Values

Implications: Expectations & fitting in?

Conclusion: Courage

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember;
who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

When the stars shall fall from heaven
and the sun turn black as night,
when the skies recede and vanish
and the elements ignite,
then the Son of Man in glory,
coming as the Morning Star,
shall return to claim his loved ones,
gathered in from near and far.

William Rees (1802-1883), tr. by William Edwards (1848-1929),
vs 3 William Edwards

This evening we'll be looking at John 18:1-11.

Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Peter 1:3-5

6pm: John 18:12-27

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