



St Andrews **FREECHURCH**

Sunday Morning – 18th October 2020

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning John MacPherson will speak on 1 Peter 1:22-2:3.

Psalm 19

- 7 The perfect law of God
Revives the soul of man;
His statutes which are sure
Make wise the simple one.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right
And fill the heart with great delight.
- God's radiant commands
Shed light on what we see;
- 9 The fear of God is pure
And lasts eternally.
The standards of the LORD express
His perfect truth and righteousness.
- 10 Of far more worth than gold—
Than much pure gold—they are;
Than honey from the comb,
Than honey sweeter far.
- 11 They warn the servant of the LORD;
In keeping them is great reward.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess in your presence
that we have a nature that is prone to evil and slow to do good.
You alone know how often we have sinned, even in the last week -
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
O Lord, we are ashamed for every way in which we have displeased you,
and we ask you to have mercy upon us.
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults,
and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, our Saviour.
And, O most holy and loving Father, please, we pray,
send your purifying grace into our hearts,
that from now on we may live in your light and walk in your ways
in obedience to the commandments of Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Post-Church Zoom

After church we will have a Zoom call to have a chat and catch up. Everyone is welcome. Grab a cup of tea and join in!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85261145388>

Meeting ID: 852 61145388

Passcode: 205046

1. **Sunday Services** – Please look out for an email each week about seat allocation and reply as soon as you can. If you haven't yet told us that you would like to attend, please fill in [this form](#).
2. **Wednesday and Thursday LifeGroups** – Taking a break for half-term but will return next week!
3. **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).
4. **Book of the Term** - *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. If you haven't yet purchased a copy, there is still a discount deal for 2 copies on '10ofthose' – so grab a friend and order together! A date in November will be sent out shortly for discussing the book.
5. **Serving forms:** There are lots of ways that we can serve one another as a church family. To help us know what practical ways you might be able to serve, it would be a great help if you could fill in the serving form below. A link will also be provided in the weekly church email.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bR31O3FGsY3kuDYt96W0XKLOhZukZwZxZJH_JhFgblI
6. **Adopt a Student** - We are continuing our "Adopt a Student" scheme, whereby year-round folk can care for our students. If you would like to be involved, please email kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Q: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

A: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

The New City Catechism, Q42

Speak O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord and fulfil in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes;
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for
us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, 'til your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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Reading and sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

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1. Love one another deeply

i) Purified by obedience

ii) Born again

2. Long for God's Word

i) Put away sin

ii) Replace it with God's word

Mine are days that God has numbered;

I was made to walk with him,
yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer!
Though I fall, his love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am his forevermore!

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel,
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted:
Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war,
and he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore!

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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This evening we'll be looking at John 20:1-23

Next week's services:

10.30am: 1 Peter 2:4-10

6pm: John 20:24-31

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