



St Andrews **FREECHURCH**

Sunday Evening – 18th October 2020

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Paul Clarke will be speaking on John 20:1-23.

See what a morning, gloriously bright

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!

See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man,
for he lives - Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?'

As in sorrow she turns
from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord
raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope,
bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit
who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing,
glory and praise to the King
crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

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**Most merciful Father,
our Creator and Judge,
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart,
and we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.**

**We earnestly repent
and are truly sorry for all our sins.
For your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us and strengthen us
to serve and obey you
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit,
through Jesus 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

1. **Sunday Services** – It's great that some of us are now able to meet in the Halls. 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** – We're 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/1bR31O3FGsY3kuDYt96W0XKLQhZukZwZxZJH_JhFgblI
6. **Adopt a Student** - As a church family we want to love and serve one another across all ages and stages. To that end, 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: Acts 2:22-36

Psalm 18

- 1 I love you, LORD! You are my strength.
- 2 A fortress is the LORD to me—
My rock and my deliverer;
For refuge to my God I flee.
- 4 The cords of death entangled me;
Destruction hit me like a wave.
- 5 Encircled by the snares of death,
I faced the terrors of the grave.
- 6 In my distress I called on God;
I cried out to the LORD for aid.
He from his temple heard my voice;
He listened to the prayer I made.
- 16 From heav'n he reached to grasp my hand
And lift me as the waters rose;
- 17 He saved me from my enemy,
From all my overpowering foes.

Reading and Sermon: John 20:1-23

John 20:1-23

Introduction: Seeing is believing

1. The fact of Jesus' resurrection

i) John sees the grave-clothes & believes (vv. 1-10)

ii) Mary sees the Lord Jesus & believes (vv. 11-18)

2. The implications of Jesus' resurrection

i) We are invited to enjoy peace with God (vv. 19-20)

ii) We are sent to tell the world of God (vv. 21-23)

Conclusion: Empowered ambassadors

- 1 **In Christ alone my hope is found;**
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay:
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Next week's services

10:30am: 1 Peter 2:4-10

6pm: John 20:24-31

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