



# St Andrews **FREECHURCH**

## **Sunday Morning – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This morning Hamish Sneddon will speak on 1 Peter 3:8-14a.

**How deep the Father's love for us,**  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss:  
the Father turns his face away  
as wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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### **Corporate Reading: Psalm 36**

5 Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgements are like the  
great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take  
refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your  
righteousness to the upright of heart!

**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.**

*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.**

## 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/85131310364>

Meeting ID: 851 3131 0364

Passcode: 040949

### **Women's Evangelistic Wreath Making Workshop, Friday, 4th December**

This is a brilliant opportunity to invite a friend or neighbour to a relaxed online event where they can meet a couple of other church women and hear a short evangelistic talk. For more information, contact [kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).

1. **Midweek meetings** - Thursday Lifegroups and Christianity Explored are all running at the normal times this week. To join or find out more, contact [matty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:matty@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk).
2. **The Christian Institute - "Standing for Christ in the Public Square"** - On Monday, 30th November, there is an opportunity to hear the Christian Institute address the social and moral issues of our times on Zoom. Email [Rbtwalker1@yahoo.com](mailto:Rbtwalker1@yahoo.com) for more details.
3. **Ministry Training Scheme** - Applications are now open for our Ministry Training Scheme for next year. If you would be interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Hamish ([hamish@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk](mailto:hamish@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk)) by November 30th.
4. **Church Finance & Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday 2nd December, 7:30pm. Please join us for a formal presentation of the Church's accounts for 2019 & an update on our finances for 2020, combined with our regular monthly Church Family Prayer Meeting. All welcome. Zoom link to follow.

## Psalm 34

- 1 At all times I will bless the LORD;  
I'll praise him with my voice.
- 2 Because I glory in the LORD,  
let troubled souls rejoice.
- 3 Together let us praise the LORD;  
exalt his name with me.
- 4 I sought the LORD; his answer came:  
from fears he set me free.
  
- 12 Does anyone delight in life  
and long to see good days?
- 13 Then keep your tongue from evil speech,  
your lips from lying ways.
- 14 Depart and turn from evil paths  
and practise what is right.  
Desire to know the way of peace;  
pursue it with your might.
  
- 15 The LORD's eyes are upon the just;  
He listens to their plea.
- 16 The wicked he rejects, and blots  
from earth their memory.
- 17 The righteous cry; the LORD responds  
and frees them when distressed.
- 18 The LORD draws near  
the broken heart and rescues the depressed.

**Reading and sermon:** 1 Peter 3:8-14a

# 1 Peter 3:8-14a

**Introduction:** The good life in grim times

## 1. Life in the church: standing firm together

## 2. Life in the world: blessing regardless of situation

- Not repaying evil

- But blessing (*cf Ps 34:11-16; 1 Samuel 21*)

- For 'you will be blessed'

**Come Thou Fount of every blessing,**

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

*Robert Robinson (1735-90)*

This evening we'll be looking at Jonah 3.

**Next week's services:**

10.30am: 1 Peter 14b-22

6pm: Jonah 4

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