

Sunday Evening – 3rd October 2021

Welcome to St Andrews Free Church! This evening Matty Guy will speak on 2 Corinthians 11:1-15.

My hope is built on nothing less

than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Saviour's love. Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Christ alone...*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Christ alone...*

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Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid;
- 2 And therefore, though the earth gives way,

we will not be afraid.

3 Though mountains fall into the sea, though waters foam and roar, We will not fear, though mountains quake

as waves engulf the shore.

Your grace that leads this sinner home

from death to life forever, and sings the song of righteousness by blood and not by merit.

Your grace that reaches far and wide

2 to every tribe and nation has called my heart to enter in the joy of your salvation.

By grace I am redeemed, by grace I am restored, and now I freely walk into the arms of Christ my Lord. 4 A river flows, whose streams delight the city of our God—
The holy place, in which the LORD Most High has his abode.

God is within his holy place;

- 5 the city will not yield, For God will come at break of day to be her help and shield.
- 3 Your grace that I cannot explain, not by my earthly wisdom; the Prince of Life, without a stain, was traded for this sinner. By grace I am redeemed...
- 4 Let praise rise up and overflow my song resound forever, for grace will see me welcomed home to walk beside my Saviour.

By grace I am redeemed... Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music

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

- Lifegroups Term-time Lifegroups have started up again on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the halls. Year-round lifegroups are carrying on as normal on Wednesdays.
- Prayer Meeting 6th October at 1 Dempster Terrace or online with the below details. Come at 7.15 for a 7.30 start! Meeting ID: 843 1946 1890 Passcode: Prayer
- 3. **Tuesday Women's Group** Meeting Tuesday mornings at 10:00am at 1 Dempster Terrace. For more details, email <u>emiliemclarke@gmail.com</u>
- 4. **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 <u>niamh@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk</u>
- 5. **Book of the term** *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Tim Keller. On the weekly email there is a sign-up form for ordering the book and attending a discussion. For details: josh@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk
- 6. **Christianity Explored** We hope to run a new course in a few weeks. Whether you're brand new to Christianity or have been in churches all your life, everyone is welcome. For details, email <u>paul@standrewsfreechurch.co.uk</u>



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! 'Christ is Mine Forevermore' Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music CCL licence: 1399599

Reading and Sermon: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15

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Intro: A war for your soul

1. A Fatherly Love (v2)

Application - rejoice in true gospel ministry

2. A Fatherly Fear (vv3-4)

Application - beware of false gospel ministry

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,

should set his love upon the sons of men, or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back, they know not how or when. But this I know, that he was born of Mary, when Bethlehem's manger was his only home, and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured, and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered, as with his peace he graced this place of tears, or how his heart upon the cross was broken, the crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted, and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear, and lifts the burden from the heavy laden, for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship, when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled, or who can say how great the jubilation when all the hearts of men with love are filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, and myriad, myriad human voices sing, and Earth to Heaven, and Heaven to Earth, will answer: Jesus the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King! William Young Fullerton (1920)

Next week's services:

10.30am: Mark 1:40-45 6pm: 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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