



# ST ANDREW THE GREAT

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10.00am, 22nd March 2020

Mothering Sunday

To join our service this morning please go to [stag.org/livestream](http://stag.org/livestream). Please send us photos of you watching the stream by emailing them to [staglivestream@gmail.com](mailto:staglivestream@gmail.com) and we will show them at the end of the service.

Welcome

Alasdair Paine

Opening Prayer

Together: **Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the beginning of this day.  
Keep us from falling into sin  
or running into danger,  
order us in all our doings  
and guide us to do always  
what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Song

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty,**  
the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is my health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear;  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things  
so mightily reigning;  
keeping us safe at his side,  
and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all you have needed has been  
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper  
our work and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend us.  
Ponder anew,  
what the almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that  
is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the 'Amen!'  
sound from his people again -  
gladly with praise we adore him!

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Thought for Mothering Sunday

Interview

Song

**Amazing grace**, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*  
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Prayers beginning with a prayer of confession:

Together: **Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us, so that we might live forever in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Based on Hosea 6)

Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:4-5 NIV

The Lord's Prayer

Together: **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 for ever.  
Amen.**

Reading

Psalm 46

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to *alamoth*. A song.

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth  
give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the  
sea,  
3 though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their  
surging.  
4 There is a river whose streams make glad  
the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
5 God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
7 The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
8 Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the  
earth.  
9 He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
10 He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.'  
11 The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Sermon  
Paine

A very present help in trouble

Alasdair

1. God is our ever-present help in trouble (verses 1-3)

2. God is with His people (verses 4-7)

3. So: know that He is God! (verses 8-11)

Questions for discussion:

- If this Psalm was all we had, what could we tell about God from it?
- What will it look like in practice for us to be still and know that the LORD is God?



Song

**We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!**

We go not forth alone against the foe;  
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,  
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;  
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,  
we rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yea, in thy name, O Captain of salvation!  
In thy dear name, all other names above:  
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,  
our Prince of glory and our King of love,  
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our Prince of glory and our King of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
and needing more each day thy grace to know:  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go”;  
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!  
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise;  
when passing through the gates of pearly splendour,  
victors, we rest with thee, through endless days;  
when passing through the gates of pearly splendour,  
victors, we rest with thee, through endless days.

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## Later today

5.00pm Service by livestream – The joy of fellowship with God, 1 John 1:1-4  
6.30pm Travs (14-18s) are meeting by Zoom - <https://zoom.us/download>

## This week and beyond

Our midweek groups will continue to meet where possible by video-conferencing or Skype. These include MEMBS (Men's Early Morning Bible Study), Morning Groups, International Women's Bible Study, HUB, iHUB, Homegroups, WEMBS (Women's Early Morning Bible Study), Pathfinders (10-14s) and Travs (14-18s). Group leaders will send instructions on how to join the sessions and keep in touch.

If you are experiencing any difficulties due to illness or self-isolation, such as collecting prescriptions or getting to the shops to pick up groceries, please contact your small group or call the church office on 01223 518218 and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

To join our **Electoral Roll** (membership list), please go to [stag.org/electoralroll](http://stag.org/electoralroll) by **Wednesday 25th March**.

We plan to livestream Easter Services at 10.00am on Good Friday (Fri 10th April) and 10.00am and 5.00pm on Easter Sunday (Sun 12th April).

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