



The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles

Service of Union and Introduction

**The congregations of Barthol Chapel Church of
Scotland linked with Tarves Parish Church of Scotland
and Udney and Pitmedden Church of Scotland**

Uniting as

Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday 7th January 2024

3pm at Pitmedden Church

**Moderator of Presbytery
Rev Stella Campbell**

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Welcome

*Rev Stella Campbell
Moderator of Presbytery*

Call to Worship

A new door is opening

**May we walk confidently
through it together
with Christ by our side**

A new light is shining

**May we see all things
more clearly together
through the eyes of Christ**

A new hope is growing

**May we be part of its fulfilment together,
in the life in all its fullness
promised us by Christ**

Hymn: 324 Angels from the realms of glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:

3. Wise men, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
4. Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
5. All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:

*Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5, James Montgomery (1771-1854)
verse 4, unascribed text in The Christmas Box, 1825*

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Bible Reading: Psalm 29
Mark 1:4-11

Hymn: 608 Spirit of truth and grace

1. Spirit of truth and grace,
come to us in this place
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.
Open our eyes to see
truths that will ever be,
and in communion draw us close together.
2. Spirit of joy and peace,
make all anxieties cease
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.
Then may God's children know
love that won't let us go

and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.

3. Spirit of life and power,
revive us in this hour
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.
Fill us with heavenly fire,
and every heart inspire,
that we may serve the world with your compassion.

Iain D. Cunningham (b. 1954)

Sermon

Rev Euan Glen

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: Source 450 Shout for joy and sing (led by Barthol Chapel musicians)

Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King
lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before his throne to worship and adore,
enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord.
You are my Creator,
you are my Deliverer,
you are my Redeemer,
you are Lord, and you are my healer.
You are my provider,
you are now my shepherd and my guide,
Jesus, Lord and king, I worship you.

*words and music, David Fellingham
Kingsway Thankyou Music (1988)*

The Narrative

*Miss Ruth
Mackenzie
Depute Presbytery
Clerk*

Act of Union

We say together:
**In the unity of faith:
in the communion of saints:
in love and goodwill towards all:
we dedicate ourselves to the worship of God and the service
of the Kingdom.**

Sharing a sign of peace

Hymn: 336 Christ is our light the bright and morning star

1. Christ is our light! The bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.

Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

2. Christ is our love! baptized that we might know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.
3. Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Leith Fisher (b. 1941)

Affirmation of Ordination Vows

Alison on the occasion of your ordination
you solemnly vowed
that believing in one God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and accepting God's word in Holy Scripture
and the fundamental doctrines of the faith
contained in the Confession of Faith of this Church,
you would seek the peace of the church,
and that, inspired by zeal for the glory of God,
by the love of Christ, and by a desire for salvation of all,
you would lead a godly and circumspect life;
and would cheerfully discharge the duties of your ministry.

Do you reaffirm your adherence to that vow?

I do.

Signing of the Formula

Declaration and Welcome

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Presbytery, I now declare you Rev Dr Alison Swindells to be minister of the united charge of Formartine.

Do you, the people of this congregation welcome Rev Dr Alison Swindells to this new sphere of service, and renew your promise of engagement and support?

We do.

Prayer

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Campbell
Moderator of
Presbytery*

Hymn: 680 You are called to tell the story

1. You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others,
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
filling all with songs of love.
2. You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.
3. You are called to set the table,
blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
then to come with thirst and hunger,
needing care like all the rest,
Christ be known in all our sharing,
feeding all with signs of love.

4. May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love.

Ruth C. Duck (b. 1947)

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Benediction

Everyone is invited to stay for a tea/coffee and fine pieces after the service. Thank you to everyone for coming, to all those who have participated in the service and catering.