

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Sunday 20 June 2021 9.45 for 10.00am

Order of Service



**"I believe in Christianity as
I believe that the sun has risen.
Not only because I see it, but because
I see everything by it." C.S. Lewis**

"We may not all be gathered in the same building, but at this time, when we need each other so much, we are invited to worship together, from where we are – knowing that God can hear us all and can blend even distant voices into one song of worship."
National Worship Team

Call to Worship

Leader: Circle us, Lord, with your love,

All: be the warmth seen in our smile.

Leader: Circle us, Lord, with your peace,

All: be the calm within our hearts.

Leader: Circle us, Lord, with your joy,

All: be the song we choose to sing.

Leader: Circle us, Lord, with your arms,

All: be the life we choose to live.

Introduction of the theme

Hymn CH4 622 'We sing a love that sets all people free'

1 We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

4 We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

5 We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

Prayer of approach and Lord's Prayer

Question: What is your favourite Bible story from childhood?

The Word of God: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

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⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Reflection: 'Signs of an Extraordinary Leader'

Music: 'When I needed a neighbour were you there?'

Comment

Prayer for the world

Hymn CH4 465 'Be thou my vision'

1

Be thou my Vision or Lord, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2

Be though my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and though only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

PEACE

CH4 798 'The peace of the earth be with you'

Recorded by Katherine and Roger Williams

*The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you. (Repeat)*

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The Grace – said together

‘May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now and evermore. Amen’

Blessing

NOTICES

Next Sunday 29 June 2021 9.45am for 10.00am Joint Worship on Zoom (Service commences 10.00am) If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for the link to Sunday’s live worship gathering on zoom or join in on your land-line please contact: Rob e-mail sessionclerk@bartholchapel.org or

Alison Tel 851295 or e-mail aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

For those who have no internet access, Tarves Kirk will be open from 9.45am and the service will be live-streamed into the church from 10.00am. The usual indoor restrictions will apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and physical distancing.

Church of Scotland General Assembly 2021: Special Supplement

Life and Work has released a FREE four-page summary of the main decisions, debates and speeches from last week’s General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

It is available on Life and Work website or full link [**General Assembly 2021: Special Supplement - Life and Work**](#).

Pastoral Care Please contact the Minister on 851295

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