

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 26th June 2022
Third Sunday of Pentecost

Call to Worship

Leader: Leave the world behind

All: Come and follow Jesus.

Leader: Turn from the things that stop you.

All: Come and follow Jesus

Leader: Walk towards freedom.

All: Come and follow Jesus

Leader: Jesus said, 'follow me'. Let us worship God



Praise: CH4 192 All my Hope on God is founded – v 1, 4 & 5 (Tune 1, Michael)

All my hope on God is founded,
 all my trust he will renew;
 safe through change and chance he
 guides me,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown,
 he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.

Day by day the mighty giver
 showers gifts on us below;
 his desire our souls delight in,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 See love stand

at his hand,
 joy awaits at his command!

Still from earth to God in heaven
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Hear Christ call
 one and all:
 those who follow shall not fall.

Prayers of Approach

Theme

The Word of God

Luke 9:51-62 (The Message)

⁵¹⁻⁵⁴ When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead. They came to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for his hospitality. But when the Samaritans learned that his destination was Jerusalem, they refused hospitality. When the disciples James and John learned of it, they said, "Master, do you want us to call a bolt of lightning down out of the sky and incinerate them?"

⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶ Jesus turned on them: "Of course not!" And they travelled on to another village.

⁵⁷ On the road someone asked if he could go along. "I'll go with you, wherever," he said.

⁵⁸ Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to rough it? We're not staying in the best inns, you know."

Jesus said to another, "Follow me."

⁵⁹ He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral."

⁶⁰ Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"

⁶¹ Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home."

⁶² Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day."

Galatians 5:13-25 (The Message)

¹³⁻¹⁵ It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are contrary to each other, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

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¹⁹⁻²¹ It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and

lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom.

²²⁻²³ But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

²³⁻²⁴ Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.

²⁵⁻²⁶ Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Praise MP 272 / JP 98 I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Reflection

Praise CH4 360 Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting,
Waiting in the streets;
No one is his neighbour,
All alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger,
Fit to wait on you

Jesus Christ is raging,
Raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred

Prayers for the World

Praise CH4 501 O, Jesus I have promised (Tune 1, Thornbury)

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
not wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend

Blessing

Notices

Next Week Sunday 4th July – 9.30am at Tarves Church

Joint service with Barthol Chapel and Tarves led by Joan, Susanna, Eileen and Alison.

Please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom.

Tuesday Coffees – 10am Tuesday mornings in Tarves church

Tarves Tots – 9.30am in Tarves Church, activities for pre-school children

Intergenerational Activities – Every Wednesday over the Summer holidays we have intergenerational activities 10am-12noon in various locations around the Formartine group. We would love you to come and help, so if you are good at talking, serving coffees, helping with crafts or lending moral support we would love you to join the teams. Speak to Joan McGill, Helen Mennie or Fiona Lister and let us know which weeks you are available.

Pastoral Care: Alison is on holiday until the 6th of July.
 Fiona Lister 07905 770259 until 28th of June
 Will Stalder 01651 806264 from 28th June until 6th July



- Be still and gently pray: I place myself in your presence O Lord, my God.
- When you are ready... walk into the labyrinth or on a finger labyrinth slowly trace the path with a finger, use a finger on the hand that you do not write with, just let your thoughts come to the surface and let them flow... Jesus is with you every step of the way, you are never alone. You are always loved by God.
- When you reach the centre...consider your thoughts...
- ...stay in the centre for a while and spend some time in prayer and reflection receiving God's love and blessing.
- When you are ready... return along the same path... return gratefully, prayerfully ...
- As you exit the labyrinth give thanks and praise to God: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end, Amen.
- If you keep a prayer journal you may like to write down words, symbols or phrases to acknowledge and remember this time of prayer.