

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 5th December 2021
Second Sunday in Advent

Call to Worship

Leader: A messenger will be born.

All: Peace is coming.

Leader: Someone to show the way.

All: Peace is coming.

Leader: A world is waiting.

All: Peace is coming.

Leader: Lord, we, your people, wait patiently,
hanging on for Advent peace. Lord, we bring you ourselves,

All: we bring you our worship.



Praise: CH4 273 O come, o come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and
cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Prayers of Approach

Advent Candle Lighting

The Word of God

Malachi 3:1-4 – The Message

The Master You've Been Looking For

3 *"Look! I'm sending my messenger on ahead to clear the way for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, the Leader you've been looking for will enter his Temple—yes, the Messenger of the Covenant, the one you've been waiting for. Look! He's on his way!" A Message from the mouth of God-of-the-Angel-Armies.*

2-4 But who will be able to stand up to that coming? Who can survive his appearance? He'll be like white-hot fire from the smelter's furnace. He'll be like the strongest lye soap at the laundry. He'll take his place as a refiner of silver, as a cleanser of dirty clothes. He'll scrub the Levite priests clean, refine them like gold and silver, until they're fit for God, fit to present offerings of righteousness. Then, and only then, will Judah and Jerusalem be fit and pleasing to God, as they used to be in the years long ago.

St Luke 1:67-69

Zechariah's song

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

*68 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.*

*69 He has raised up a horn^[a] of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David*

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

*71 salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us –*

*72 to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,*

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

*74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear*

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

*76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,*

*77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,*

*78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven*

*79 to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,*

to guide our feet into the path of peace.'

Praise CH4 281 People look East

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People look East and sing today:
Love, the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way

Reflection

Prayers for the World

Praise CH4 277

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart exalt with joy,
and every voice with song.

2 He comes the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace,
to enrich the humble poor.

4 The sacred year has now revolved,
Accepted of the Lord,
When heaven's high promise is fulfilled,
And Israel is restored.

5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring,
with your beloved name.

Blessing

Take Home Suggestion

During the Advent period consider creating your own Advent ring or display adding a candle each week to it that you can light for a period each day.

Take time each day to read a chapter from the gospel of Luke. There are 24 chapters, so one each day means that by Christmas Day you have been fully reminded of who Jesus was and why we celebrate Christmas.

Notices

Sunday 12 December Third Sunday in Advent All Welcome

9.30am Tarves Kirk The Church will be laid out café-style and coffee will be served after worship. The service can also be accessed live on Zoom.

11.15am Barthol Chapel Gather from 10.45am. Bring your own coffee.

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. 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.

3pm Tarves Kirk A Blue Christmas. This short service is an opportunity for anyone who has lost a loved one over the past couple of years to come to a quiet and meditative service to remember them. A place to pause amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations.

Wednesday 8 December 7.00pm Tarves Session meeting on Zoom – link will be circulated.

Tuesday 14 December 7.30pm Parish Grouping Working Group Methlick Church.

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