Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks Order of Service Sunday 6 March 2022 First Sunday of Lent



Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 19:1,7)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

All: Creation proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise, the simple.

Leader: Come let us worship this holy God.

Praise: CH4 120 (Omit v2) God we praise you, God we bless you

God, we praise you. God, we bless you. God, we name you sovereign Lord. Mighty king whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored: all creation shows your glory, heaven and earth draw near your throne singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, everlasting Son of God, humble was your virgin mother, hard the lonely path you trod: by your cross is sin defeated, hell confronted face to face, heaven opened to believers, sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious, you will judge the world you made; Lord, in mercy help your servants for whose freedom you have paid: raise us up from dust to glory, guard us from all sin today; King enthroned above all praises,

save your people, God, we pray.

Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

The Word of God

Psalm 19:8-10,14

8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

St Matthew 25:31-46

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Father of heaven, whose love profound A ransom for our souls has found, before your throne we sinners bend: to us your pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, before your throne we sinners bend: to us your saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath our souls are raised from sin and death, before your throne we sinners bend: to us your quickening power extend.

Jehovah - Father, Spirit, Son – mysterious Godhead, three in one, before your throne we sinners bend: grace, pardon, life to us extend.

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.

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 dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love,
defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
Where good conquers evil
let me dance with 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.

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 113 God the Father of Creation

God the father of creation, source of life and energy, your creative love so shapes us that we share your liberty. Teach us how to use this freedom loving children all to be.

Jesus Christ our Lord and brother, in your cross we see the way to be servants for each other, caring, suffering every day.

Teach us patience and obedience never from your path to stray.

Holy Spirit, love that binds us to the Father and the Son Giver of the joy that fills us, Yours the peace that makes us one, teach our hearts to be more open as we pray "God's will be done."

Members of our Saviour's body, here on earth his life to be, though we stand as different people, may we share the unity of the Father, Son and Spirit, perfect love in Trinity.

Blessing

Notices

Please take a lateral flow test before coming to church. If it is positive please join on Zoom. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Next Week Sunday 23 January

9.30am Tarves This service can also usually be accessed live on Zoom.

11.15am Barthol Chapel

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, negative lateral flow test, 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.

Tuesday 8 March 7.30pm Parish Grouping Working Group at Methlick.

Wednesday 9 March 7.30pm Lent Bible Study "Being Holy" on Zoom – link available from Fiona flister@churchofscotland.org.uk

Tuesday 15 March 7.00pm Tarves Session Meeting in the Church

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