



Order of Service

Barthol Chapel and Tarves

Sunday 22 October 2023 10.00am

Harvest 2023

Call to Worship

Leader: We live in God's world

ALL: Great is the Lord and wonderful is his creation

Leader: God is at work in the world and in our lives

ALL: He calls us to treasure his creation, to share its harvests, to love and live for one another, to be his family, blessed by his love.

Praise CH4 229 We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the green,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,

he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

Table Talk: Sharing of harvest thanksgiving memories.

Praise JP 230 Thankyou for every new good morning

Thank You for every new good morning,
thank You for every fresh new day,
thank You that I may cast my burdens
wholly onto You.

Thank You for leisure and employment,
thank You for every heartfelt joy,

thank You for all that makes me happy
and for melody.

Thank You for every shade and sorrow,
thank You for comfort in Your word
thank You that I am guided by You
everywhere I go.

Thank You for grace to know your gospel,
thank You for all Your Spirit's power,
Thank You for Your unfailing love
which reaches far and near.

thank You for grace to hold it fast.
thank You, O Lord, I want to thank You
that I'm free to thank!
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I'm free to thank!

Thank You for free and full salvation,

The Word of God: St John 6: 1-15

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

What really happened that day? [Video](#)

Praise 244 Touch the earth lightly (Tune ?)

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

The Word of God: St John 6:25-40

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it

is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Reflection

Praise: 232 (vs1,2,5,6) Pears and apples, wheat and grapes

Pears and apples, wheat and grapes, many textures, many shapes; Following leaves in golden drifts, thank you, God, for all your gifts.

Earth and ocean, plant and beast, altogether make the feast; all who long to share your grace at your table have their place.

Flashing shoals of glistening fish, every colour you could wish; Fishing boats, for you and me reap the harvest of the sea.

Loving Lord, we know you care; Let the world your goodness share; Save us from our selfish greed, finding you in those in need.

Admission of David Leavett by Profession of Faith

Profession of Faith David Leavett.

Question to David

Congregation stand and say together

Apostle's 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.

Would the congregation please remain standing

Prayer of Confirmation and laying on of hands

Admission to Fellowship of Church

Question to Congregation

I charge you the people of this congregation to love, encourage and support this our brother in faith that he may continue to grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God. Will you accept the responsibility which is thus laid upon you?

With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ; nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in service.

Will the congregation please sit.

The right hand of fellowship

The Promises of Membership

Sung Blessing 796 The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Prayer

Welcome and Charge to David

Welcome to new members and adherent by resolution of the Kirk Session

Marion Clarke and Jacqui Guild, and Lucy Lee

Praise 737 Will your anchor hold

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
What the strong tides life, and the cables
strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain.
*We have and anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's
love.*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rage, and the wild winds
blow

Will the angry waves then your bark o'er
throw?

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
When the waters cold chill your latest breath?
On the rising tide you can never fail,
While your anchor holds within the veil.

Will your eyes behold through the morning
light
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore?

Harvest Prayers

Praise 231 For the fruits of all creation (Tune 562)

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
For these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Benediction

Notices

Union Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Udney and Pitmedden to form Formartine Parish Church

All three congregations have now voted unanimously in favour of the Union as of 1 January. The Basis of Union will now be sent to :Presbytery and General Assembly Committees as well as OSCR for approval.

Worship Arrangements

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

This Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving 22 October 10.00am

This year all donations will be shared around our own parishes of Barthol Chapel and Tarves. There is great need even in our own communities. You can bring any non perishable items, including toiletries, to the church over the coming weeks. This way you can donate little and often. Please ensure items have a long use by date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please note that Tarves Kirk Session will constitute in the Vestry at 9.45am for admission of new member by profession of faith.

Next Sunday 29 October 10.00am Pitmedden

Joint service with Udney and Pitmedden at Pitmedden when we will celebrate communion. To arrange transport speak to an Elder or to Susanna.

Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

Tarves Tots Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

Pastoral Care: Please contact Susanna Bichard Tel 01651 851345.

Tarves Kirk Cards/Notelets are available – bundles of 12 for a suggested donation of £5.00. All proceeds to Youth Hall Project.