

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**  
**Order of Service Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

**Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 46)**

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength,  
**All: Be still and worship God**  
Leader: God is our fortress in times of trouble  
**All: Hold fast and exalt God in the heavens**  
Leader: God is with us in all times and in all places  
**All: Be still, hold fast and remain in the presence  
of God, our King and our Redeemer**



**Praise CH4 129 The Lord is King!**

The Lord is King! lift up your voice,  
Let earth, and all the heavens, rejoice;  
from world to world the joy shall ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

The Lord is King! who then shall dare  
resist his will, distrust his care,  
or murmur at his wise decrees,  
or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Child of the dust,  
The judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all His ways:  
Let every creature speak His praise.

Come make your wants, your burdens  
known;  
Christ will present them at the throne;  
For he is at the Father's side,  
the Man of love, the Crucified.

One Lord one empire all secures;  
he reigns, and life and death are yours;  
through earth and heaven one song shall  
ring,  
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

**Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer**

**Praise King of Kings, Majesty**

King of kings, Majesty  
God of Heaven living in me  
Gentle Saviour, closest friend  
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end  
All within me falls at Your throne

Your Majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You  
Love eternal, Faithful and True  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne  
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow  
I lay my all before You now  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve Your Majesty  
(repeat last chorus)

## Scripture

### Jeremiah 23:1-6

#### The Righteous Branch

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup> “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup> I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will raise up for David<sup>[a]</sup> a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

### Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”<sup>[a]</sup> And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. [\[b\]](#)”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

## **Praise** CH4 459 Crown Him with many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;

his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## **Reflection**

### **Praise** CH4 469 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name

Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That men may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
In all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.

And in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
Where we are hard and cold,  
In Your refiner's fire  
Come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
And evil crouches near,  
Still our living God  
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

## Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession

### Praise CH4 466 Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free

For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I am  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
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## Blessing

**Take Home** – What does it mean for your life for Christ to be King? Make notes or draw pictures as you meditate on what this fact means for your life.

## Notices

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – First Sunday in Advent, worship in Tarves Kirk at 10am. All welcome

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 Coffee Morning** in the Kirk at 10.00am – play space for children from 9.30am

**Tarves Tots** Moving to a Thursday morning 9.30am in November, anyone who would like to help with families with pre-school children please speak to Fiona

**Kirk Session** – Barthol Chapel Session meeting on zoom on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Link will be sent out.

**Walk-through Nativity** – looking for people available to help with this group-wide outreach for schools during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December. We would love help with decorating the churches, leading craft activities, telling the story, packing goody-bags. If you can help then speak to Fiona or Joan McGill.

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison. Tel 01651 851295