

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service: Sunday 9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ

Call to Worship

Leader: It's a New Year

Time to draw breath

All: Help us, Lord, to know you more

Leader: It's a new start

Time to pause

All: Help us, Lord, to walk closer with you

Leader: It's the moment of transition

Time to reflect

All: Help us, Lord, to trust your ways



Praise CH4 201 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
 With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
 Kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
 High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
 Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
 Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
 Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
 Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
 These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
 He will accept for the name that is dear;
 Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
 Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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Prayers of Approach & Lord's Prayer

The Word of God

1 Kings 19b-13a

Suddenly the LORD spoke to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

¹⁰ He answered, "LORD God Almighty, I have always served you—you alone. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed all your prophets. I am the only one left—and they are trying to kill me!"

¹¹ "Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain," the LORD said to him. Then the LORD passed by and sent a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks—but the LORD was not in the wind. The wind stopped blowing, and then there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake there was a fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice.

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Luke 3: 7-9, 15-17, 21-22

⁷ Crowds of people came out to John to be baptized by him. "You snakes!" he said to them. "Who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? ⁸ Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don't start saying among yourselves that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these rocks and make descendants for Abraham! ⁹ The ax is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire."

¹⁵ People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

²¹ After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

Praise CH4 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the Wind

Chorus:
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!

1. You spoke to us long, long ago,
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth
through it God's voice is heard.
Chorus

2. Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live His way;
we need Your power, we need Your
strength,
following Christ each day.
Chorus

Sermon

Praise CH4 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry; v 1, 3 & 5

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

3. For you are our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without your grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

5. Stretch forth your hand, to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon your people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

Prayers for the World

Praise CH4 485 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; v 1, 4, 5 & 6

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

4. With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and
fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Blessing

Take Home Suggestion

Listen to a reading of Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus calms the storm. Listen for any words or ideas which jump out at you. Where do you think the spirit is leading you through this passage?

Notices

You are asked to take a lateral flow COVID test before attending church and to stay at home if it is positive. Thank you to all as we continue to care for one another at this time.

Community Bible Experience

1pm Wednesdays on Zoom If you are participating and have not yet collected your book, then they are available from the manse. Contact Alison for more information.

Sunday 16th January All Welcome

9.30am Tarves Kirk The Church will be laid out café-style but at the moment there will **not** be any refreshments 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.

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