

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

**Order of Service - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 19 February 2023**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Great is the Lord

**All: exalted among the nations**

Leader: Mighty is the Lord

**All: King of heaven and earth**

Leader: Holy is the Lord

**All: Beyond our understanding**

Leader: Let us worship our God and King



**Praise: CH4 519 Love Divine, all love excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Prayer of Approach**

**Lord's Prayer**

## **Praise: CH4 124 Praise to the Lord**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

Praise God, my soul, for in Him are your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; into His presence draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning;  
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining.

Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been  
granted by God' wise ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
God will forever befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

## **Word of God**

### **2 Peter 1:12-21**

#### **The One Light in a Dark Time**

12-15 Because the stakes are so high, even though you're up-to-date on all this truth and practice it inside and out, I'm not going to let up for a minute in calling you to attention before it. This is the post to which I've been assigned—keeping you alert with frequent reminders—and I'm sticking to it as long as I live. I know that I'm to die soon; the Master has made that quite clear to me. And so I am especially eager that you have all this down in black and white so that after I die, you'll have it for ready reference.

16-18 We weren't, you know, just wishing on a star when we laid the facts out before you regarding the powerful return of our Master, Jesus Christ. We were there for the preview! We saw it with our own eyes: Jesus resplendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of all my delight." We were there on the holy mountain with him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears.

19-21 We couldn't be more sure of what we saw and heard—God's glory, God's voice. The prophetic Word was confirmed to us. You'll do well to keep focusing on it. It's the one light you have in a dark time as you wait for daybreak and the rising of the Morning Star in your hearts. The main thing to keep in mind here is that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of private opinion. And why? Because it's not something concocted in the human heart. Prophecy resulted when the Holy Spirit prompted men and women to speak God's Word.

### **Matthew 17:1-9**

#### **The transfiguration**

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### **Praise: CH4 356 Meekness and Majesty**

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God  
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

*Oh what a mystery  
Meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God  
This is your God*

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross

Suffering to give us life, conquering through  
sacrifice  
And as they crucified, pray's "Father forgive"  
*Oh what a mystery...*

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible  
Love indestructible, in frailty appears  
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

*Oh what a mystery....*

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise: CH4 469 Restore O Lord**

Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That all 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.

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

## Prayers for the world

### Praise: CH4 512 To God be the Glory

To God be the glory  
Great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His  
Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son  
Give Him the glory, Great things He has  
done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Praise the Lord....*

Great things He has taught us, great things  
He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the  
Son  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see

*Praise the Lord...*

## Blessing

## Notices

### Worship Arrangements for Autumn/Winter

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that for the next few months Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom. In Church please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing.

### Formartine Youth Project

Youthscape Essentials Training Course for all interested in working with children and young people. The course will run as five Saturday afternoon sessions 1-5.30pm in Pitmedden Church (AB41 7PS) : Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [carolinefyp@outlook.com](mailto:carolinefyp@outlook.com) to register interest or if you have any questions.

### Walk through Holy Week

Plans are under way for the Walk through Holy Week: an interactive experience for our local schools taking place the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Its a huge outreach covering five schools, four churches, direct engagement with 190 young people and craft/activity bags for 441! We will be looking for props & volunteers. There will be a discussion and planning meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30pm in Tarves church.** If you are unable to join us at that time but willing to get involved with planning, taking part or able to offer a prop please let me know. [Carolinefyp@outlook.com](mailto:Carolinefyp@outlook.com). There are a variety of jobs from setting up the church, role playing on the day, to filling activity bags which can be done at home in front of the TV! and props needed include items such as neutral coloured cushions and blankets, pottery/wooden crockery, green & grey material, artificial Christmas trees.

**Sunday 26 February - Thinking Day Service.** This will also be Fiona's last Sunday with us and we will be having a special coffee time after the service. Fiona's ordination and Induction to Aberdeen North to which all are invited will be held on evening of Thursday 2 March at 7pm. We

hope to arrange car-sharing for those who wish to attend – please speak to Susanna if you would like to be there.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning** in the Kirk at 10.00am

**Thursday Tarves Tots** in the Kirk commencing 9.30am

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison