

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

**Order of Service Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 12 February 2023**

**Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves**

**Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 11:1-2)**

Leader: We come to worship the King of Kings

**All: The King promised from the beginning of time**

Leader: We come to worship the Lord of Lords

**All: On whom the Spirit of God rests**

Leader: Peace and hope, wisdom and understanding

will come from the root of Jesse

Let us worship the messiah who comes in unexpected ways.



**Praise: You're the Word of God the Father**

You're the Word of God the Father,  
From before the world began;  
Every star and every planet  
Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together  
By the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory,  
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,  
You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out  
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,  
Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry,  
With a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free.  
*You're the Author of creation....*

With a shout You rose victorious,  
Wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven  
Leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father  
Interceding for Your own.  
From each tribe and tongue and nation  
You are leading sinners home.  
*You're the Author of creation.....*

**Prayer of Approach**

*Response – I love you, Lord. I will proclaim, Alleluia! I bless your name.*

**Lord's Prayer**

## Introduction to the Jesse Tree

### Praise: CH4 436 Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*  
Word incarnate, truth revealing,

Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory...*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!

death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory...*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory...*

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory...*

### Word of God: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (The Message)

#### God Looks into the Heart

**16** God addressed Samuel: "So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I've rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I've spotted the very king I want among his sons."

<sup>2-3</sup> "I can't do that," said Samuel. "Saul will hear about it and kill me."

God said, "Take a heifer with you and announce, 'I've come to lead you in worship of God, with this heifer as a sacrifice.' Make sure Jesse gets invited. I'll let you know what to do next. I'll point out the one you are to anoint."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what God told him. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the town fathers greeted him, but apprehensively. "Is there something wrong?"

<sup>5</sup> "Nothing's wrong. I've come to sacrifice this heifer and lead you in the worship of God. Prepare yourselves, be consecrated, and join me in worship." He made sure Jesse and his sons were also consecrated and called to worship.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Here he is! God's anointed!"

<sup>7</sup> But God told Samuel, “Looks aren’t everything. Don’t be impressed with his looks and stature. I’ve already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesse then called up Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “This man isn’t God’s choice either.”

<sup>9</sup> Next Jesse presented Shammah. Samuel said, “No, this man isn’t either.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “God hasn’t chosen any of these.”

<sup>11</sup> Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?”

“Well, yes, there’s the runt. But he’s out tending the sheep.”

Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking.

God said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life.

## **Luke 2: 1-12 (NIV)**

### **The birth of Jesus**

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you

good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

### **Praise: CH4 442 Ancient of Days**

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From every nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare  
Your glory  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship  
You will be exalted, oh God*

*And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
Oh, Ancient of Days*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

*Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare  
Your glory...*

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise: CH4 481 Jesus is the name we honour**

Jesus is the name we honour;  
Jesus is the name we praise.  
Majestic name above all other names,  
the highest Heaven and Earth proclaim  
that Jesus is our God.

*We will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise,  
we will glorify, we will lift him high,  
we will give him honour and praise.*

Jesus is the name we worship;  
Jesus is the name we trust.  
He is the King above all other kings,  
let all creation stand and sing  
that Jesus is our God.  
*We will glorify...*

Jesus is the Father's splendour;  
Jesus is the Father's joy.  
He will return to reign in majesty,  
and every eye at last will see  
that Jesus is our God.  
*We will glorify...*

### **Prayers for the world**

#### **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  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

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  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

## **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.

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

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

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison