

## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Third Sunday after Epiphany 22 January 2023

Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves

### Call to Worship (Based on psalm 127)

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house

**ALL: The builders labour in vain**

Leader: Unless the Lord watches over the city

**ALL: The guards stand watch in vain**

Leader: God is the architect, God is the guardian

**ALL: to Him be all Glory and Praise**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth



### Praise CH4 364 All Glory, Laud and Honour (v 1, 2 & 5)

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.  
*All glory, laud, and honour*

The company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
*All glory, laud, and honour*

As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!  
*All glory, laud, and honour*

### Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

### Praise CH4 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet that I may run  
Bearing news of Christ your Son.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.

Take my intellect and use  
every power as you shall choose,

Take my will – your will be done;  
May my will and yours be one  
Take my heart it is your own;  
it shall be your royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
All for you eternally.

## The Word of God

### Ruth 3:1-15

#### Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

<sup>3</sup> One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home<sup>[a]</sup> for you, where you will be well provided for. <sup>2</sup> Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

<sup>5</sup> "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. <sup>6</sup> So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

<sup>7</sup> When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. <sup>8</sup> In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!

<sup>9</sup> "Who are you?" he asked.

"I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer<sup>[b]</sup> of our family."

<sup>10</sup> "The LORD bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. <sup>12</sup> Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. <sup>13</sup> Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the LORD lives I will do it. Lie here until morning."

<sup>14</sup> So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "No one must know that a woman came to the threshing floor."

<sup>15</sup> He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and placed the bundle on her. Then he<sup>[c]</sup> went back to town.

#### Praise CH4 550 As the deer pants for water

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship you

*You alone are my strength ,my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold or silver  
 Only you can satisfy  
 You alone are the real joy giver  
 And the apple of my eye  
*You alone are my strength ,my shield....*

You are my friend and you are my brother  
 Even though you are king  
 I love you more than any other  
 So much more than anything..  
*You alone are my strength ,my shield....*

## Reflection

### Praise CH4 685 For everyone born, a place at the table

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
 a shelter, a space, a safe place for  
 growing,  
 for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight when we are creators  
 of justice and joy, yes, God will delight  
 when we are creators of justice, justice and  
 joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
 revising the roles, deciding the share,  
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
 for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
*And God will delight....*

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are  
 wrinkled,  
 for young and for old, the right to belong,  
*And God will delight....*

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
 abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
 in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
 for just and unjust, a new way to live, *And  
 God will delight....*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 to live without fear, and simply to be,  
 to work, to speak out, to witness and  
 worship,  
 for everyone born, the right to be free, *And  
 God will delight....*

## Prayers for Others

### Praise 198 Let us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
 and all can safely live,  
 a place where saints and children tell how  
 hearts learn to forgive.  
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
 rock of faith and vault of grace;  
 here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are  
 welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets  
 speak, and words are strong and true,  
 where all God's children dare to seek to  
 dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and  
 as symbol of God's grace;  
 here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are  
 welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will  
 reach  
 Beyond the wood and stone  
 To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
 And live the Word they've known.  
 Here the outcast and the stranger  
 Bear the image of God's face;  
 Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and  
claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

## **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**

FYP has been chosen by Coop as one of their local causes for the next 12 months. Please support the young people of our community and choose FYP as your cause when you swipe your membership card and we will receive 1p from every £1 spent in store by Coop members. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73372>. This link can be shared with friends and family across the country – please get them on board too. Not a Coop member? Find out more at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>.

**Wednesday 1 February 7.30pm Barthol Chapel Kirk Session** on Zoom link to follow

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

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

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison