

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Tarves Sunday 8 May 2022 09.30am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship – based on psalm 139

Leader: We come together from different places,
different spaces

All: You have searched us, and you know us

Leader: We come with our own thought, worries
and troubles

All: You have searched us, and you know us

Leader: You have loved us from when we were
only a collection of cells, in our mothers' wombs

All: You have searched us, and you know us

Leader: Let us worship God, who created us, knows, us loves and holds us, in the palm of
his hand.



Praise: CH4 421 The day of resurrection

1 Our Lord Christ hath risen! The tempter
is foiled;
his legions are scattered, his strong-holds
are spoiled.

Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and sing,
our great foe is baffled -- Christ Jesus is
King!

2 O death, we defy thee! A stronger than
thou
hath entered thy palace; we fear thee not
now!

Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and sing,
death cannot affright us -- Christ Jesus is
King!

3 O sin, thou art vanquished, thy long
reign is o'er;
though still thou dost vex us, we dread
thee no more.

Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and sing,
who now can condemn us? -- Christ Jesus
is King!

4 Our Lord Christ hath risen! Day breaketh
at last;
the long night of weeping is now wellnigh
past.

Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and sing,
our foes are all conquered -- Christ Jesus
is King!

Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

The Word of God

John 4: 1-26

Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptising more
disciples than John – ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his
disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^[a])

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³ Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷ 'I have no husband,' she replied.

Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.'

¹⁹ 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

²⁵ The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

Praise CH4 443 He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
And he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love,
He has shown us by his cross
that he is love;
All his people sing
with one voice of joy
That Jesus Christ is love.

He is life, he is life;
He has died to set us free
and he is life;
And he calls us all
to live evermore,
For Jesus Christ is life.

He is King, he is King,
He will draw all nations to him,
He is King;
And the time shall be
when the world shall sing,
That Jesus Christ is King.

Reflection

Praise CH4 417 Now the green blade riseth

1 Now the green blade riseth, from the
buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has
lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has
been:
*Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.*

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who
had been slain,
Thinking that never he would awake
again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps
unseen:
*Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.*

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen
grain,
he that for three days in the grave had
lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is
seen:
*Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.*

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or
in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare
have been:
*Love is come again like wheat that
springeth green.*

Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercession

Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation of Tarves Parish Church

Presentation of Accounts Andy Clubb, Treasurer

Report of the Session

Prayer of Commitment

Father God

We offer ourselves again to you

In the love of Christ

Committed in the power of the Spirit

To share the vision you have given us with others

Grant that we may be faithful witnesses to your love in this community,

And in our places of work and leisure.

This we pray in the name and for the sake of

Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour

Amen.

Praise CH4 427 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

hearts to heaven and voices raise:

sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen!

shed upon us heavenly grace,

rain, and dew and gleams of glory

from the brightness of thy face,

that we, with our hearts in heaven,

here on earth may fruitful be,

and by angel hands be gathered,

and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits

of the holy harvest field,

which will all its full abundance

at his second coming yield.

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine

from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia! to the Saviour

who has gained the victory!

Alleluia! to the Spirit,

fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

to the blessed Trinity.

Blessing

Notices

This Week 8 May 2022 Annual Stated Meeting

All that we give and all that we do in the Church is part of our worship of God. It is therefore right and appropriate to hold our Annual Business Meeting in the context of our main service of weekly worship.

Tarves Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 017161

CCLI: 2417487, 2417504, 241749

Barthol Chapel Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 010960

Here in prayer and praise, in the hearing of God's Word, in the sharing of achievements and challenges we worship God and dedicate ourselves anew to his service.

Before the service begins you may wish to give thanks to God for the people who share in the life of the Church here: people who worship with you; people who give of their time and skills to serve as elders, office-bearers and leaders, people who faithfully do many unrecognised tasks out of love for God and his Church, people who sit beside you in the pew and by their friendship and faith encourage you.

Next Week Sunday 15 May

9.30am Tarves This service can also usually be accessed live on Zoom.

11.15am Barthol Chapel

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 10 May 7.30pm Parish Grouping Working Group at Methlick.

Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm Tarves Kirk Session meet in the Church

Leading worship training evenings, every Thursday in June 7pm-9pm at Inverurie West Church. Topics covered include – liturgy, prayer, hymns, sharing the bible. We would encourage anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of worship to attend. For more information please speak to Alison or Fiona.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison 01651 851295.