

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Sunday 21 February 2021 9.45 for 10.00 am**

**First Sunday in Lent Order of Service**



**Call to Worship**

Leader: God of creation,

**All: we gather humbly as your creatures.**

Leader: You invite us to follow the way.

**All: Help us to choose to follow.**

Leader: Draw near to us, O God,

**All: as we draw near to you.**

**Praise CH4 149 Let all creation dance**

Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time;  
for natures art  
in glory grows  
and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

Our own amazing earth,  
with sunlight, clouds and storms,  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms

is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heaven's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet,  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong,  
all life befriend,  
and kindly tend  
creation's song.

**Prayer of Approach**

**Lord's Prayer** (You might like to unmute yourself for this and remute afterwards)

## The Word of God:

### Genesis 9:8-17

*8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ <sup>12</sup>God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’*

### St Mark 1:9-15

*9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*

*14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’*

**The Story of Noah** There once was a man

## Reflection

### Prayers for Others

**Praise CH4 557** O love that wilt not let me go

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee:  
I give the back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee:  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lie in dust, life's glory dead,  
and from the ground their blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

## Blessing

### Notices

#### Next Sunday 28 February

**9.45am for 10.00am Joint Worship on Zoom (Service commences 10.00am)** This service will include communion. Please have a piece of bread and a little wine or grape juice to hand if you would like to participate. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list for the link to Sunday's live worship gathering on zoom or join in on your land-line please contact:

Rob e-mail [sessionclerk@bartholchapel.org](mailto:sessionclerk@bartholchapel.org) or

Alison Tel 851295 or e-mail [aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Tuesday 23 February 11.00am** Tarves Session Coffee on Zoom. Link to follow.

**Tuesday 23 February 7.00pm** Joint meeting on Zoom of all Officebearers of Barthol Chapel, Tarves. Methlick and Udney Pitmedden to discuss Presbytery plan. Link to follow.

**Care in the Community** if you are aware of anyone in Tarves who needs help of any kind please contact Ruth 851887.

**Pastoral Care** Please contact the Minister 01651 851295

**Musicians/Singers** If you can play an instrument or sing and would like to join the group who provide the music for our worship week by week Katherine would love to hear from you. Email [Kathbarthol@btinternet.com](mailto:Kathbarthol@btinternet.com) The contribution which this group makes to our worship week by week is hugely important and greatly valued by everyone.

#### Lent Study

This year I invite you to take part in a Lent Study based on the book by Gordon Giles, "At Home in Lent". Each day the author takes a different object from around the home and uses it to help us think about Christian faith. It seems very appropriate for a season when we are spending so much time at home. The book is available for you to purchase on-line in paperback ISBN 9780857465894. There is also a kindle edition available for those who prefer an electronic version.

The book also has material for discussion at a weekly group which will meet on Zoom at 4.00pm on a Wednesday beginning Wednesday 24 February. Please let me know if you would like the link for the on-line discussion group.

**National World Day of Prayer Service** Friday 5 March 2.00pm Hosted by St Augustine Church on Zoom with participants from all over Scotland. Using Zoom webinar ID is 895 9398 3883, Passcode is 901656. You can also join by telephone 0131 460 1196. The service will be recorded and posted on the WDP website and facebook page and can be viewed there after the event.

**Lent Appeal.** Feeling relieved and grateful because you have had your Covid vaccination? Spare a thought for those in countries like Malawi which struggles to afford even basic healthcare. Gordon Presbytery has had a long relationship with Nkhoma Hospital. This year they are budgeting for \$40000 extra expenditure because of Covid.

The Presbytery has challenged its congregations to raise £5000 towards this sum during Lent. More information can be found on the Presbytery website.

Cheques payable to "Presbytery of Gordon" (with "Nkhoma Appeal") written on the back can be posted to

Mr W Paterson, Presbytery Treasurer, Ceardach, Whiteford Road, Pitcaple, Inverurie AB51 5EB.

Online donations can be paid to

Presbytery of Gordon Sort Code: 83-28-40 Account No 00237527 Reference Nkhoma

Or visit the Just Giving Page – follow this link

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Nkhoma>

**Presbytery Plan** At their meeting on Tuesday 2 March at 7.00pm Presbytery will be voting on the new Presbytery plan. Congregations are cited to appear for their interests in accordance with the citation that will be read before the start of worship. Because we are currently meeting on Zoom only four people from each congregation can attend. Only members of Presbytery can speak and vote. If a congregation prefers, it can appoint in advance a nominated person to be its spokesperson instead of the presbytery elder.