

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Sunday 14 March 2021 9.45 for 10.00 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent Order of Service



Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 107:1-3,17-22).

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good;

All: God's love endures forever.

Leader: Let all who know God tell of their story

All: from east and west, from north and south, we will tell our story.

Leader: When we cried to God in our trouble, God saved us from our distress;

All: God sent out the Word and healed us.

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love, and tell of God's works with songs of joy in worship

Praise CH4 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways ;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flash retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and
fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Prayers of Approach

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

The Word of God:

Numbers 21:4-9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against

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Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3:14-21

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Music CH4 597 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit

Reflection

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 167 Guide me o Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with my powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!

Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing

Notices

Next Sunday 21 March

9.45am for 10.00am Joint Worship on Zoom (Service commences 10.00am) 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 or

Alison Tel 851295 or e-mail aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

Thursday 25 March 7.00pm Tarves Trustees meeting on Zoom

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 The contribution which this group makes to our worship week by week is hugely important and greatly valued by everyone.

Lent Study

This year our Lent discussion group is based on the book by Gordon Giles, "At Home in Lent". We meet weekly at 4.00pm on a Wednesday. Please let Alison know if you would like the link for the on-line discussion group.

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>

Messy Easter

The Messy Church team are hoping (depending on a relaxation of the Covid guidelines) to deliver Easter- in- a -bag to Messy families at the beginning of Holy Week. Each bag will include the Easter story with a kit to make an Easter garden. If you know of any families who might appreciate a bag please let Alison know.