

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 16 January 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Call to Worship

Leader: Come as we gather to worship

All: the God of surprises.

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All: Jesus of miracles.

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All: the Spirit of wonder.

Leader: Come let us worship God.



Praise: CH4 314 Child in the manger

Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
Outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!
Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;

now, as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious
o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
Angels behold him
on his throne;
worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
Happy forever are his own.

Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

Isaiah 62:1-5

*62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the
dawn,*

and her salvation like a burning torch.

*² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.*

*³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the
hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your
God.*

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,

*and your land shall no more be termed
Desolate;*

*but you shall be called My Delight Is in
Her,*

*and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.*

*⁵ For as a young man marries a young
woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.*

St John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 3 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 4 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 5 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 6 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 7 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 8 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 9 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 10 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Meditation

Take the tale of the wedding in Cana. Sniff it... Give it a swirl around in your head... Offer it the space to breathe. Then sip it and see... Drink from it Letting its unexpected volume And richness Surprise you. And simply enjoy.	It is a story for anyone - With knowledge Or without. An invitation To taste and see How good, How generous, God is...	It is a story Of the Christ child Coming of age And all the self-doubt Uncertainty And reluctance That goes along with that...
This story Is not a story for connoisseurs.	It is a story of the human Encountering the divine, Making the ordinary Quite extraordinary and bringing out the best in it. Kept to the end, this is a story of maturing....	Savour this tale. And find in it The generosity of a God Who comes to share our lives... And his own life And who says That life is meant for all... And for living... Eternally.

Praise CH4 336 Christ is our light!

Christ is our light! The bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

Christ is our love! Baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, sweeping low.

Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; Your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Reflection

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 318 Lord you are rich beyond all splendour

Lord, you are rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire- paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for loves sake, became so poor.

You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for loves sake, became a man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising

heavenwards, by your eternal plan:
you are our God, beyond all praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.

Lord you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you.

Blessing

Take Home Suggestion

If you are a wine drinker, take a glass of wine and enjoy it as you remember wedding celebrations at which you have been present and what made them special. Consider how you can bring generosity into someone's life this week.

If you are not a wine drinker, take a moment to enjoy some fresh grapes. Consider how this wonderful creation takes the nutrients of the earth, the water from the soil, the energy from the sun and from these ingredients is made the sweet and refreshing fruit from which wine is fermented. What can you do to bring fruitfulness into someone's life this week?

Notices

Please take a lateral flow test before coming to church. If it is positive please join on Zoom. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Next Week Sunday 23 January

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

11.15am Barthol Chapel

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, negative lateral flow test, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. 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 18 January 7.30pm Parish Grouping Steering Group on Zoom – link to follow.

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