

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 23 January 2022
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this place and space

All: where the Good News is shared.

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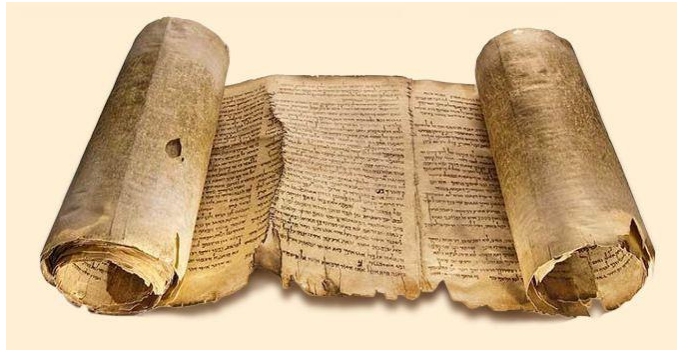
All: where the Good News is witnessed.

Leader: Welcome to this place and space

All: where the Good News is enacted.

Leader: Welcome as we come to worship

All: the God of Good News..



Praise: CH4 319 Of the Father's love begotten vs 1,3,6

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending, he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin full of grace,
by the Spirit's power conceiving,
bore the Saviour of our race,

and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, o Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

Luke 4:14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,*

¹⁹ *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

²⁰ *And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'*

Meditation from Spill the Beans

So, he's back,
Mary's golden child;
carpenter's son—
at least, he may be,
the birth details were,
shall we say,
a little... sketchy.
The local boy, done well.
He's made a name for himself
and so, when he stands to read,
then sits to teach,
we listen;
after all, we're not close-minded folk.

Words of comfort spill forth
from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.
A good passage, with its promises
of a happy, heavenly hereafter—
where even the ones clearly cursed by
God
find welcome relief and restoration.
"The year of the Lord's favour"
is a nice touch:
time for Jubilee
and resetting the clock,
settling old scores peaceably,

redistributing resources.
Yep, for those who didn't lift a finger,
those who sat about and didn't work,
it's all going to be good news,
in the great by and by.

Of course, of course,
we all want justice,
but this side of heaven,
we do what we need
to get by,
make our mark,
give our children
a good head start,
a wee step up the ladder—
after all, God helps those who help
themselves
and I've made very sure to help myself.
"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in
your hearing."
What, now??
I don't think so, son,
some of us have way too much to lose.
How is this 'good' news?
Watch yourself:
that sort of talk will get you killed

Praise CH4 358 The great love of God is revealed in the Son

The great love of God is revealed in the
Son,
who came to this earth to redeem
everyone.
That love, like a stream flowing clear to
the sea,
makes clean every heart that from sin
would be free.

It binds the whole world, every barrier it
breaks,
the hills, it lays low, and the mountains it
shakes.
It's yours, it is ours, see how lavishly given
—
the pearl of great price, and the treasure
of heaven!

Reflection

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 352 O for a thousand tongues

O for a thousand tongues,
to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king
the triumphs of his grace!

He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Blessing

Take Home Suggestion

Take time this week to think about what motivates you, what gets you fired up and ready for action. Jesus drew on words from Isaiah to help people understand his motivation. Try to find a bible verse or passage, or a quote from elsewhere, or, indeed, write your own personal statement. Start simply and add to it each day.

- How does what motivates me fit with what was important to Jesus?
- Is there anything I can change about my motivations?

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 30 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. The service next week will include communion so if you would like to participate at home please have piece of bread and some wine or grape juice to hand.

Wednesday 2 February 7.00pm Tarves Kirk Session on Zoom link to follow

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