

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 24 July 2022
9.30am Tarves
11.15am Barthol Chapel



“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced

All: Restore our fortunes O Lord

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy

All: Those who go out weeping shall come home with shouts of joy

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise: CH4 16 The Lord's my shepherd (Tune Brother James's Air)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
within the path of righteousness,
e'en for his own name' sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear non ill:

For thou art with me; And thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou doest with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for ever more
my dwelling place shall be.

Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

The Word of God

Jeremiah 31:15-20 (dramatic reading)

¹⁵ *Thus says the LORD:*
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter

weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her
children;

she refuses to be
comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:
Keep your voice from
weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your
work,

says the LORD:
they shall come back from
the land of the enemy;
¹⁷ there is hope for your
future,

says the LORD:
your children shall come
back to their own country.

¹⁸ Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading:
'You disciplined me, and I took the
discipline;

I was like a calf untrained.
Bring me back, let me come back,
for you are the LORD my God.

¹⁹ For after I had turned away I repented;
and after I was discovered, I struck my
thigh;
I was ashamed, and I was dismayed
because I bore the disgrace of my youth.'

²⁰ Is Ephraim my dear son?
Is he the child I delight in?
As often as I speak against him,
I still remember him.
Therefore I am deeply moved for him;
I will surely have mercy on him,

says the LORD.

St Luke 19:41-44

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Revelation 21:1-5

The New Heaven and the New Earth

²¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Praise MP 766

Who can sound the depths of sorrow
in the father heart of God,
for the children we've rejected,
for the lives so deeply scarred?
And each light that we've extinguished
has brought darkness to our land
Upon the nation, upon the nation
have mercy, Lord!

We have scorned the truth you gave us,
we have bowed to other lords,
we have sacrificed the children
on the altars of our gods.
O let truth again shine on us, I
et your holy fear descend:
Upon the nation, upon the nation
have mercy, Lord!

Who will stand against the violence?
Who will comfort those who mourn?
In an age of cruel rejection,
who will build for love a home?
Come and shake us into action,
come and melt our hearts of stone:
upon your people, upon your people,
have mercy, Lord!

Who can sound the depths of mercy
in the father heart of God?
For there is a Man of Sorrows,
who for sinners shed his blood.
He can heal the wounds of nations,
he can wash the guilty clean:
because of Jesus, because of Jesus,
have mercy, Lord!

Reflection**Praise CH4 726 When we are living, we are in the Lord**

When we are living, we're in the Lord,
and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
For in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving, as we know we
should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times
embrace,
sometimes we question everything we
face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Till earth is over may we always know
love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
We belong to God, we belong to God.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and Intercession**Praise CH4 727 In the bulb there is a flower (Tune Blaenwern?)**

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until it season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence
seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until it's season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
 In our time, infinity;
 in our doubt there is believing;
 In our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;
 At the last, a victory,
 unrevealed until its season,
 something God alone can see.

Blessing

Take home suggestions - living into the beatitude “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”

Make a list of the five things which most grieve you in the world today. Share that list with someone and find out what they would list. Pray for that person and the situations that grieve them.

Notices

Next Week Sunday 31 July 2022

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

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.

Summer Worship

Services in both Barthol Chapel and Tarves on 2nd and 4th Sundays at the usual times. All other Sundays joint worship in Tarves at 9.30am.

Tuesday 26 July 2022 7.30pm Barthol Chapel Kirk Session in the Church.

Churches on Tour Wednesdays 10.00am -12 noon

Intergenerational Events – this week in Haddo. All welcome. More details on the web-site or from Alison.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison