

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 31 July 2022
Joint Worship 9.30am Tarves



“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth”

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 29:1-4)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

All: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

All: Worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters

All: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful:

All: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise: CH4 184 Sing to the Lord (omit v4)

Sing to the Lord a joyful song,
lift up your hearts, your voices raise;
to us his gracious gifts belong,
to him our songs of love and praise.

For strength to those who on him wait
his truth to prove, his will to do
sing to our God, for he is great,
trust in his name, for it is true.

For life and love, for rest and food,
for daily help and nightly care,
sing to the Lord, for he is good
and praise his name, for it is fair.

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

**Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer**

The Word of God

Psalm 37:1-9, 34-40

¹ *Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,*

² *for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.*

³ *Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy
security.*

⁴ *Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your
heart.*

⁵ *Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.*

⁶ *He will make your vindication shine like
the light,*

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ *Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.*

⁸ *Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.*

⁹ *For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.....*

³⁴ *Wait for the LORD, and keep to his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on the destruction of the wicked.*

³⁵ *I have seen the wicked oppressing,*

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ *Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Praise CH4 356 Meekness and Majesty

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony - the man who is God:
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery - meekness
and majesty,
bow down and worship, for this is
your God,
this is your God!*

and towering like a cedar of Lebanon.

³⁶ *Again I passed by, and they were no more;
though I sought them, they could not be found.*

³⁷ *Mark the blameless, and behold the upright,
for there is posterity for the peaceable.*

³⁸ *But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.*

³⁹ *The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;*

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ *The LORD helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice –
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father forgive".

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of Infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Reflection

Praise CH4 392 When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and poor contempt on all my pride.

See! From his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrificed them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul come out my life, my all.

Communion

Communion Responses

Invitation to Communion

Leader: In this feast both familiar and extraordinary

ALL: Jesus meets us

Leader: To banish our darkness with his light

ALL: God with us

Leader: In ancient patterns made new

ALL: His Spirit is here

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray.....

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Have mercy on us

Jesus bearer of our sins

Have mercy on us

Jesus redeemer of the world

Grant us your peace

Communion is shared

The Peace

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 192 All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
Safe through change and chance he
guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness last forever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore,
from his store
new- born worlds rise and adore.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
Though with care and toil we build them,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praise praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call,
one and all:
Those who follow shall not fall.

Blessing

Take home suggestions - living into the beatitude "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth".

Before getting out of bed each morning this week, say to yourself, *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*. Repeat this three times slowly. Then before going to bed at the end of the day, ask yourself, *Did anything separate me from the love of God today?* If something did, give it to God in prayer and commit to doing better the next day.

Notices

Next Week Sunday 7 August 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 July/August

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.

Churches on Tour Wednesdays 10.00am -12 noon

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

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