# **Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

## Order of Service Sunday 7 August 2022

# **Joint Worship 9.30am Tarves**



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled"

## Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 37:39-40)

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord,

All: He is their refuge in the time of trouble Leader: The Lord helps them and rescues them;

All: He rescues them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in

him.

Leader: Let us worship God

## Praise: CH4 184 Sing for God's glory

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn

of creation,

racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds

of elation; sun of delight

succeeds the velvet of night,

warming the earth's exaltation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the

chains that would bind us,

searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us.

touching our shame

with love that will not lay blame, reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each

easy illusion,

tearing down tyrants and putting our pride

to confusion;

Lifeblood of right,

resisting evil and slight,

offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled

faith's journey before us,

who in their weariness give us their hope

to restore us:

In them we see

the new creation to be,

Spirit of love made flesh for us.

# Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

# The Word of God Isaiah 58:1-12

58Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness

Tarves Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 017161 CCLI: 2417487, 2417504, 241749 Barthol Chapel Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 010960 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God:

they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,

and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own

kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer:

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

#### **Conversation Around the Table**

What do you think are the greatest injustices facing our world today? Make a list.

#### St Matthew 4:1-11

4Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

7Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." '

# Praise CH4 96 You are before me Lord you are behind (Tune Highland Cathedral)

You are before me, God, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand:

such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I go.

and from your presence where, God, shall I fly?

If I ascend to heaven you are there and still are with me, if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's furthest shore.

your mighty hand will rest upon me still, and your right hand will guard me evermore.

If I should say, "Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night," surely the darkness is not dark to you, the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, o God, search me and know my heart,

try me, o God, my mind and spirit try; Keep me from any path that gives you pain,

and lead me in the everlasting way.

#### Reflection

## Praise CH4 360 Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets; No one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too: make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too: in the kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets, curing those who suffer, touching those he greets. Listen Lord Jesus, I have pity too: let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets, where each sign of hatred he, love, defeats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too: where good conquers evil let me dance with you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets, "Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."

Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few: walk one step before me, I will follow you.

## **Prayers for Others**

# Praise CH4 473 Thy kingdom come (Omit v2)

"Thy Kingdom come!"- on bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near: The day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned with might, and every heart be healed:

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad, the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

# **Blessing**

Take home suggestions - living into the beatitude "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled". Read Luke 4:16-22. In this passage Jesus reads a portion of the Book of Isaiah as a kind of manifesto for his ministry. Write your own short manifesto. How do you long for the world to be different.

#### **Notices**

### **Next Week Sunday 14 August 2022**

9.30am Tarves This service can also usually be accessed live on Zoom.11.15am Barthol Chapel

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Barthol Chapel. All welcome. More details on the web-site or from Alison.

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