

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service Sunday 4 September
Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves



“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good:

All: His steadfast love endure forever

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise: CH4 449 Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore.
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice; Again I say: Rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His Kingdom cannot fail;
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow at his command,
and fall before his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We then shall hear the archangels
voice;*

*The trump of God shall sound:
Rejoice!*

Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

The Word of God: Acts 7:54 - 8:3

54 When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. 55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city

and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. ⁸¹And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. ²Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Matthew 5:1-12

⁵When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Praise 645 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,
or to defend his cause,
maintain the glory of his cross,
and honour all his laws.

I know that safe with him remains,
protected by his power,
what I've committed to his trust,
till the decisive hour.

Jesus, my Lord! I know his name,
his name is all my boast;
he will not put my soul to shame,
nor let my hope be lost.

Then will he own his servant's name
before his Father's face,
and in the new Jerusalem
appoint my soul a place.

Reflection

Praise CH4 535 Who would true valour see

Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather;
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round with dismal
stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright;
He'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
He knows he at the end
shall life inherit.

Then fancies fly away;
he'll fear not what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and Intercession

Praise CH4 470 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.

People and realms of every tongue
declare his love in sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early
blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring the
highest honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Blessing

Take home suggestions - living into the beatitude ““Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”. Outside of Sunday worship, if the government were persecuting Christians today, would there be enough evidence to convict you? When you go out into the world, imagine that everyone knows who you are and that you are a Christian. Realise that you are setting an example for the faith, and that you might be the most influential person in shaping what someone thinks about Christianity.

Notices

Worship Arrangements for Autumn/Winter

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that for the next few months Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible 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.

Bible Study The Miraculous Signs in John's Gospel Thursday evenings 1 September to 13 October 7.30pm on Zoom or in person Thursday mornings 1 September to 13 October 10.30am Tarves vestry. Contact Fiona for Zoom link.

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am with **Tarves Tots** commencing 9.30am.

Praise Band Friday Evenings 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All singers and instrumentalists welcome.

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