

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**  
**Order of Service Sunday 25 September 2022**  
**Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves**



**“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you”. Luke 17:6**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and bow before the One who gives the seed and scatters it.

**ALL: The One who is the provider of sunshine and rain.**

Leader: Come and bow before the One who calls us by name,

**ALL: and who gives us enough— that we might serve him and the world.**

Leader: Let us worship our God who gives life.

**Praise: CH4 153 Great is thy faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they  
 fail not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

*Morning by morning new mercies I  
 see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath  
 provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto  
 me*

Summer and winter and springtime and  
 harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses  
 above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
 guide

Strength for today and bright hope for  
 tomorrow

Blessings all mine with ten thousand  
 beside

**Prayers of Approach**  
**Lord's Prayer**

**The Word of God:**

**Lamentations 1:1-6**

*How lonely sits the city  
 that once was full of people!*

*How like a widow she has become,  
 she that was great among the nations!*

*She that was a princess among the  
provinces  
has become a vassal.*

*<sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously  
with her,  
they have become her enemies.*

*<sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting-place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.*

*<sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.*

*<sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.*

*<sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.*

## **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.*

*<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*

### **Praise 197 As we are gathered, Jesus is here**

As we are gathered, Jesus is here  
 One with each other, Jesus is here;  
 Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,  
 Part of the body, the Church of God.  
 As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
 One with each other Jesus is here.

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise 608 Spirit of truth and grace**

Spirit of truth and grace,  
 come to us in this place  
 as now in Jesus' name God's people  
 gather.  
 Open our eyes to see  
 truth that will ever be,  
 and in communion draw us close together.

Spirit of joy and peace,  
 make all anxiety's cease  
 with knowledge of the Father's perfect  
 caring.  
 Then may God's children know

love that won't let us go  
 and joy that fills each day,  
 beyond comparing.

Spirit of life and power,  
 revive us in this hour  
 and stir our hearts to praise with true  
 devotion.

Fill us with heavenly fire,  
 and every heart inspire,  
 that we may serve the world with your  
 compassion.

## **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 513 Courage, brother! Do not stumble**

Courage, brother! Do not stumble,  
though your path be dark as night;  
there's a start guide the humble:  
trust in God, and do the right.  
Let the road be rough and dreary,  
and it's end far out of sight;  
Foot it bravely; Strong or weary,  
Trust in God, and do the right.

Perish policy and cunning,  
perish all that fears the light!  
whether losing, whether winning,  
trust in God, and do the right.

Some will hate you, some will love you,  
some will flatter, some will slight;  
Heed them not, and look above you:  
trust in God and do the right.

Simple rule and safest guiding,  
inward peace and inward might,  
star upon our path abiding,  
trust in God and do the right.  
Courage, sister! do not stumble,  
though your path be dark as night;  
there's a star to guide the humble:  
trust in God, and do the right.

**Blessing**

**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. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom.

In Church please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing.

Today we celebrate communion. If you are joining us from home you might like to have a piece of bread and a little wine to hand.

**Today 4.00pm at Barthol Chapel Kirk**

Afternoon service led by members of Barthol Chapel and other churches within the Formartine grouping - Harvest theme with the Praise Band and folk group. Donations of dried and tinned food for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank gratefully received. All welcome.

**Next Week**

Joint Worship for Harvest at Tarves 10.00am. Donations of dried and tinned food for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank gratefully received.

**Tuesday 27 September 7.30pm** Barthol Chapel Kirk Board and Session meet in the Church.

**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. NB This week the evening meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday not Thursday.

**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.

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison