

Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden Kirks

Order of Service New Year's Day 1 January 2023

Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves



New Beginnings

Welcome and New Year Greetings

Call to Worship

Praise 320 Joy to the world

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains

repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer**

Response (from Psalm 8)

Leader: Lord, our God

All : How majestic is your name in all the earth

Letting Go

Praise 314 Child in the manger

Child in the manger,
infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger,
Lord of all!

Child who inherits
all our transgressions,
all our demerits
on him fall.

Once the most holy
child of salvation
gently and lowly
lived below;
now as our glorious
mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious
o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold him,
infant of wonder;
Angels behold him
on his throne;
Worthy our Saviour
of all their praises;
Happy forever
are his own.

Letting God

The Word of God: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Poem "God Knows" by Minnie Louise Haskins (The Gate of the Year)

Praise 317 Before the world began

Before the world began
one Word was there;
Grounded in God he was,
rooted in care;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke and said
"I am for you".

Life found in him its source,
death found its end;
light found in him its course,
darkness its friend;
for neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout
"I am for you".

The Word was in the world
which from him came;
unrecognised he was,
unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind
“I am for you”.

All who received the Word,
by God were blessed,
sisters and brothers they
of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of grace
proclaim in time and space,
and with a human face,
“I am for you”.

A Future with God

St John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Towards God's Future

Praise 331 Unto us a boy is born
Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
and the very beasts could see
that he all folk surpasses,
that he all folk surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:
“a Prince”, he said, “in Jewry!”
All the little boys he killed

at Beth'lem in his fury,
at Beth'lem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organs thunder,
while we sing our songs with glee
and rend the air asunder,
and rend the air asunder.

Prayers for Others

Praise 319 Of the Father's Love Begotten (Omit vs 4,5)

Of the Father's love begotten
 ere the worlds began to be,
 he is Alpha and Omega,
 he the source, the ending he,
 all the things that are, that have been,
 and that future years shall see,
 evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed,
 when the Virgin, full of grace,
 by the Spirit's power conceiving,
 bore the Saviour of our race,
 and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
 first revealed his sacred face,
 evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;
 He commanded; It was done:
 heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
 universe of three in one;
 All that sees the moon's soft shining,
 all that breathes beneath the sun,
 evermore and evermore.

Christ to thee with God the Father,
 and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
 and unwearied praises be,
 honour, glory, and dominion,
 and eternal victory,
 evermore and evermore.

Blessing**Take Home Suggestion**

Put into practice your New Year Resolutions!

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.

Christmas Services

Sunday 8 January Tarves 10.00am Fiona Lister (Alison is at Pitmedden)

Formartine Youth Project

FYP has been chosen by Coop as one of their local causes for the next 12 months. Please support the young people of our community and choose FYP as your cause when you swipe your membership card and we will receive 1p from every £1 spent in store by Coop members. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/73372>. This link can be shared with friends and family across the country – please get them on board too. Not a Coop member? Find out more at <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>.

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