

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 29 January 2023

Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves



Call to Worship

Leader: May Your star pause over this place of worship,
illuminating Your truth and justice.

**ALL: Confront us anew with Your call
to look for power in lowly places
and to bring our gifts to worship.**

Leader: You are long gone from the stable,
yet present in every place and time

ALL: God with us.

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise CH4 63 All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he does us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Prayers of Approach

Lord's Prayer

Praise CH4 616 There's a spirit in the air

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
"praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world!"

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:

God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.

The Word of God

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

*Rise, plead your case before
the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.*

² *Hear, you mountains, the controversy of
the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the
earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his
people,
and he will contend with Israel.*

³ *'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!*

⁴ *For I brought you up from the land of
Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of
slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.*

⁵ *O my people, remember now what King
Balak of Moab devised,*

*what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of
the LORD.'*

⁶ *'With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-
offerings,
with calves a year old?*

⁷ *Will the LORD be pleased with thousands
of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my
transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my
soul?'*

⁸ *He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ *For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'*

²⁰ *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the
world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire
wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to
Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's
weakness is stronger than human strength.*

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Praise CH4 397 In the cross of Christ I glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'e take me,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,

from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers around its head sublime.

Reflection

Praise CH4 685 (omit v3) For everyone born a place at the table

For everyone born a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
- a shelter, a space, a safe place for
growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the rules, deciding the share,

with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For just and unjust a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and
worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Communion

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 803 We shall go rejoicing (sung twice)

We will walk with God, my brothers,
 we will walk with God.
 We will walk with God, my sisters,
 we will walk with God.
 We will go rejoicing
 till the Kingdom has come.
 We will go rejoicing
 till the Kingdom has come.

Closing Words

ALL: May we follow Your light into all the darkness of the world,
overthrowing the old and tired ways,
fighting for justice,
forging paths to peace,
loving those it's hard to love,
knowing You go before us and call us to follow.

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.

Formartine Youth Project

Youthscape Essentials Training Course for all interested in working with children and young people. The course will run as five Saturday afternoon sessions 1-5.30pm in Pitmedden Church (AB41 7PS) : Feb 18th, March 18th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th. Email carolinefyp@outlook.com to register interest or if you have any questions.

Wednesday 1 February 7.30pm Barthol Chapel Kirk Session on Zoom link to follow

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am

Thursday Tarves Tots in the Kirk commencing 9.30am.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison