

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Second Sunday after Epiphany 15 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 313 vs 1,2, 5 See in yonder manger low

See! In yonder manger low,
born for us on earth below,
See! The tender Lamb appears
promised from eternal years.

*Hail, though ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Lo! Within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim.

Sacred infant all divine
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Prayers of Approach Lord's Prayer

Formartine Youth Project Update

Praise CH4 426 All heaven declares

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim,
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be
the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship you alone.

The Word of God

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 'Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard

him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Praise CH4 336 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

Christ is our light! The bright and morning
star
covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we
pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

Christ is our love! Baptised that we may
know
the love of God among us, swooping low.

Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's
embrace.

Christ is our joy! Transforming wedding
guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was
blessed.
Christ be our joy; Your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Reflection

Praise CH4 553 Just as I am without one plea

Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, "Come to me",
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God I come.

Just as I am- your love unknown
has broken every barrier down-
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to
prove,
here for a season, then above-
O Lamb of God, I come.

Prayers for Others

Praise 459 Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
 who triumphed on the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife
 for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing
 who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
 Behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For thou hast died for me:
 thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.

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

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>.

Wednesday 18 January 7.00pm Tarves 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