

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 5 February 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 448 Lord the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, - set our hearts
on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and
mercy;
send forth your word, -
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Prayers of Approach

Lord's Prayer

Praise CH4 193 God is love: his the care

God is love: his the care,
tending each, everywhere.
God is love- all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him.

*Sing aloud, loud, loud!
Sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good!
God is truth!
God is beauty!
Praise him!*

None can see God above;
All must here learn to love,
thus may we Godward move,

finding him in others,
sisters all and brothers:

Jesus shared joy and pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then;
For he came to save us
by the truth he gave us:

To our Lord praise we sing-
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty:

The Word of God

Isaiah 58:1-9a

*58 Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.*
*2 Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their
God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.*
*3 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your
fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.*
*4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.*
*5 Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?*

*Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?*

*6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*7 Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?*

*8 Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your
rearguard.*

*9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am*

Matthew 5:13-20

*13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be
restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.*

14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Praise CH4 542 Lord speak to me that I may speak

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, secure and free,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Reflection

Praise CH4 245 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain

It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;
it's a world of laughter, a world of pain;
it's a world we must share, where we must
learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

*This is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all.
Yes, it's God's good world.*

It's a world of love, and a world of greed;
It's a world we must share, where we must
learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

It's a world of water, a world of drought
it's a world of faith, a world of doubt;
It's a world we must share, where we must
learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

It's a world of plenty, a world of need;

Prayers for Others

Praise 252 As a fire is meant for burning

As a fire is meant for burning

with a bright and warming flame,

so the Church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,
let us build a bridge of care,
joining hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; We are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; We are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,

we will show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening spirit,
we will live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many- hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
so may we reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

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.

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am

Thursday Tarves Tots in the Kirk commencing 9.30am.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison