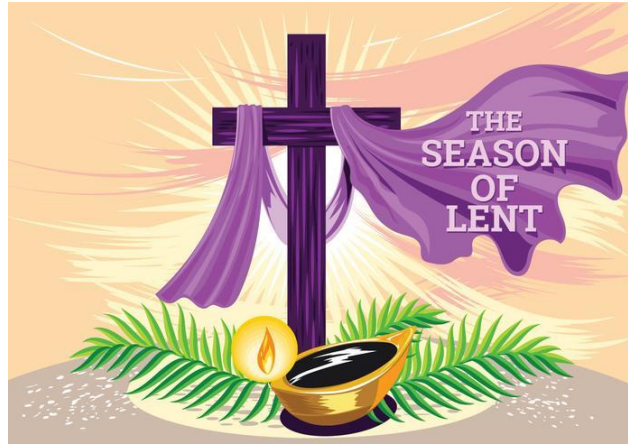


**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**  
**Order of Service Fifth Sunday in Lent 26 March 2023**  
**Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves**



**Call to Worship for Lent**

Leader: Creator God, waking in the garden  
**ALL: Breathe life into us**  
 Leader: Tempted God, praying in the desert  
**ALL: Breathe life into us**  
 Leader: Holy God, travelling towards the city  
**ALL: Breathe life into us**  
 Leader: Mysterious God, maker and encourager  
**ALL: Surprise us with angels**  
 Leader: Revealing God, Questioner and caller  
**ALL: Surprise us with stories**  
 Leader: Breathing God, dancer and delighter  
**ALL: Surprise us with joy**

**Praise CH4 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
 the Holy One, is here;  
 come bow before him now  
 with reverence and fear:  
 in him no sin is found -  
 we stand on holy ground.  
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
 the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
 is shining all around;  
 He burns with holy fire,  
 with splendour he is crowned:

how awesome is the sight –  
 our radiant king of light!  
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
 is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
 is moving in this place;  
 He comes to cleanse and heal,  
 to minister his grace:  
 no work too hard for him-  
 in faith receive from him.  
 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
 is moving in this place.

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

### **Praise CH4 21** The Great love of God is revealed in the Son

Lord, teach me all your ways,  
 reveal your paths to me;  
 And lead me in your saving truth,  
 show me what I should be.

Remember, Lord, your love,  
 your care from ages past;  
 and in that love remember me,  
 in kindness hold me fast.

Forget my youthful faults,  
 forgive my sinful ways;

Within the kindness of your love  
 remember me always.

God, who is just and good,  
 shows all who sin his way;  
 he leads the humble in right paths,  
 their teacher day by day.

All pathways of the Lord  
 are kindly, true, and sure  
 to those who keep his covenant  
 and in his ways endure.

### **The Word of God**

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.*

*And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
 he will swallow up death for ever.*

*Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the LORD has spoken.*

*It will be said on that day,  
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

#### **St John 11:32-44**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

### **Praise 361 Forgiveness is your gift**

Forgiveness is your gift,  
both cleansing and renewing,  
to catch us when we drift,  
our base desires pursuing;  
and hug us back to life  
and bring us to a feast  
where all will celebrate  
the life your love released.

Your grace goes out to meet  
the sinful and the doubting,  
your arms and dancing feet  
speak louder than all shouting:  
O God, how great your love  
which takes us empty in,  
and, with our worth unproved,  
let's better life begin.

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise CH4 256 I the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.*

*Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord,*

*if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my Word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## **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

**Response:** Lord Jesus Christ you call us to follow you  
**May our lives show your glory**

#### Praise 655 For your generous providing

For your generous providing  
 which sustains us all our days,  
 for your Spirit here residing,  
 we proclaim our heartfelt praise.  
 Through the depths of joy and sorrow,  
 though the road be smooth or rough,  
 fearless, we can face tomorrow  
 for your grace will be enough.

Hush our world's seductive noises  
 tempting us to stand alone;  
 Save us from the siren voices  
 calling us to trust our own.

For those snared by earthly treasure,  
 lured by false security,  
 Jesus, true and only measure,  
 spring the trap to set folk free.

Round your table, through your giving,  
 show us how to live and pray  
 till your kingdom's way of living  
 is the bread we share each day  
 bread for us and for our neighbour,  
 bread for body, mind, and soul,  
 bread of heaven and human labour -  
 broken bread that makes us whole.

### Closing Words

Leader: Loving God,  
**ALL: Keep our eyes on the prize**  
 Leader: Lord Jesus  
**ALL: Keep our eyes on the prize**  
 Leader: Holy Spirit  
**ALL: Keep our eyes on the prize**  
 Leader: We are journeying home to God

### 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.

**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday Pilgrimage with Service at Barthol Chapel 11.15am** (No Zoom link next week).

### 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 Rev Dr Alison Swindells 01651 851295

### Holy Week and Easter Worship

#### **Palm Sunday 2 April Pilgrimage**

Tarves to Barthol Chapel – walkers leave from the Square in Tarves 9.30am. Service in Barthol Chapel Church commences 11.15am. Car sharing for those requiring lifts.

**Wednesday 5 April 7.00pm** Holy Week Service in Tarves

**Thursday 6 April 7.00pm** Maundy Thursday Simple Meal and Communion in Pitmedden Church

#### **Good Friday 7 April**

12noon Carrying the Cross outside on Udney Green

7.00pm Worship for Good Friday evening at Methlick Church

#### **Easter Sunday Celebrations - 9 April**

Sunrise Service at Haddo House – meet in the carpark at 6.00am

Barthol Chapel and Tarves 10.00am

Haddo Chapel Easter Evening Service 6.00pm

**EASTER GARDENS** created by the Youth Organisations for each of the 5 communities - you are invited to contribute your own offering to these.