

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Third Sunday in Lent 12 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: Keep us seeking

Leader: Revealing God, Questioner and caller

ALL: Surprise us with stories

Leader: Breathing God, dancer and delighter

ALL: Surprise us with joy



Praise CH4 153 Great is thy faithfulness

1.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail
not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

*all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

2.

Summer and winter and seed-time and
harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Refrain

Prayers of Approach

Lord's Prayer

Setting the Scene – Two Seekers: Martha and Joanna

The Word of God

Luke 10:38–42

At the Home of Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one.^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

John 12: 1-3

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹² Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Praise CH4 641 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Chorus:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu, alleluia.

Martha's Story

Praise CH4 531 My Jesus, my Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.*

Joanna's Story

Praise CH4 722 Spirit of God

1.

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.
Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord,
come, fill me with living water.

Chorus:

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:
Jesus our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people.*

2.

Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak.
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.
Lord, you are life and love and hope,
come, fill me with living water.

Chorus

3.

Lord, I am blind, my Lord, I can't see.
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me.
Lead me your way in light and in truth,
come, fill me with living water.

Chorus

*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:
Jesus our Saviour, dying for me,
and rising to save his people.*

Prayers for Others

Praise 459 Crown Him with many crowns

1 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.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er 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.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Closing Words

Leader: Loving God,

ALL: Keep us seeking

Leader: Lord Jesus

ALL: Keep us seeking

Leader: Holy Spirit

ALL: Keep us seeking

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

Tarves Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 017161
CCLI: 2417487, 2417504, 241749
Barthol Chapel Parish Church of Scotland. Registered Charity: SC 010960

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.

Lent Discussion Group "The Third Day" Meet 9.30-10.30am Saturday mornings Tarves Manse over Coffee and Rowies. All Welcome but for catering purposes it would be helpful to know in advance if you are coming. For further information contact aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

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.

Walk through Holy Week

Our Interactive Holy Week walk through experience for schools is fast approaching and we need a couple more volunteers across all churches please to help share this experience and be part of the team either dressing up and role play, leading teaching, guiding the craft activity or general assistance.

We are in Pitmedden all day on Monday 20th and afternoon of the 21st

Methlick morning of Tuesday 21st

and Tarves all day Wednesday 22nd.

If you can come for all or part of any day we would love your support.

We are also needing some artificial Christmas trees, large potted plants, grey and green material or blankets, neutral coloured cushions and earthenware type pottery.

Please contact Caroline Brown - Youth Worker (carolinefyp@outlook.com) - many of the congregation/elders have my details!

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am

Thursday Tarves Tots in the Kirk commencing 9.30am

Pastoral Care - Please contact Alison on 01651 851295