



Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service

Sunday 18 June 2023 10.00am

Call to Worship

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Father

ALL: Who sets the sun and stars in the circle of heaven...

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Son

ALL: Whose outstretched arms encircle us all...

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Spirit

ALL: Who draws us into a circle of love...

Praise 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation;
Praise God, my soul, for in him are
your health and salvation;
come all who hear,
into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who in all things is
wondrously reigning,
Shields you from harm and is gently
yet firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your hearts wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who with blessing
and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall
daily attend you;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do:
God will forever befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

The Word of God: Genesis 18:1-15,

18The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah

shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

Table Talk 1

What makes you laugh?

How do people use laughter?

In that story from Genesis Sarah laughed – why do you think that she laughed? Why did she deny that she laughed?

Praise 463 Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and Man the Son;
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honour,
thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the verdure and bloom of
spring.

Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
than all the stars that heaven can
boast.

The Word of God: Genesis 21:1-7

21The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, ‘God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.’ ⁷And she said, ‘Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.’

Table Talk 2

The name Isaac means “he laughs” or “he will laugh”.

How does the laughter in this part of the story differ from the laughter in the first part of the story?

How might you have felt if you had been given the name Isaac?

What does your name mean to you?

The Word of God: Matthew 9:35-10:8

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

Praise 522 The Church is wherever God's people are praising

The Church is wherever God's people
are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by
their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's
followers are trying
to live and to share out the good news
of God.

The Church is wherever God's people
are loving
where all are forgiven and start once
again,
where all are accepted, whatever their
background,
whatever their past and whatever their
pain.

The Church is wherever God's people
are seeking
to reach out and touch folk wherever
they are-
conveying the Gospel, it's joy and it's
comfort,
to challenge, refresh, and excite and
inspire.

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Reflection

Praise 533 vs1,4,5 (Duple Time) Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

FYP Update

Prayers for Others

Praise 225 Summer Suns are glowing

Summer suns are glowing over land
and sea;
Happy light is flowing,
bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices in the mellow rays;
All earth's thousand voices
swell the psalm of praise.

See God's mercy streaming
over all the world,
and his banner gleaming,
everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious
as the heavens above,
shines in might victorious
his eternal love.

Lord upon our blindness
your pure radiance pour;
For your loving kindness
make us love you more.
And, when clouds are drifting
dark across the sky,
then, the veil uplifting,
Father, still be nigh.

We will never doubt you,
though you veil your light;
Life is dark without you;
Death with you is bright.
Light of light, shine o'er us
on our pilgrim way;
Still go on before us,
to the endless day.

Benediction

Notices

Sundays 25 June and 2 and 9 July Tarves Kirk 10.00am. Sorry no Zoom link due to holidays. Those wishing to follow worship on-line are welcome to join Udney and Pitmedden at 10.00am.

Zoom link:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120275292?pwd=OEhJS0pPa0tvcE90VVBxMXlrMV F5UT09>

Meeting ID: 871 2027 5292

Passcode: Udney

Barthol Chapel Final Service of Celebration. Thanks to all those who came along to support the congregation last Sunday. £188 will be sent to Christian Aid from the lunch donations.

Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

Pastoral Care: Please contact Mrs Susanna Bichard 01651 851345.