



**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

**Order of Service**

**Sunday 6 August 2023 10.00am**

**The Apostles' Creed – What is faith?**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

**ALL: HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER**

Leader: Let us worship God

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

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 forever adore him.

### **Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer**

**Table Talk:** When did you last say the Apostles' Creed?  
Did you ever have to learn it off by heart for any reason?

### **The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of the saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Praise 502 Take my life and let it be**

Take my life, Lord, let it be  
consecrated, glad, and free;  
Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of your love;  
Take my feet, that I may run  
bearing news of Christ your Son.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my king;

Take my intellect and use  
every power as you shall choose.

Take my will- your will be done,  
me and my will and yours be one;  
take my heart- it is your own,  
it shall be your royal throne.

Take my love- my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
all for you, eternally.

**The Word of God:**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12; 12:1-2**

*<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.....*

*<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’....*

*<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Matthew 9:20-22,27-30a**

*<sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well.....*

*27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' 28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you.' 30 And their eyes were opened.*

### **Praise 726 When we are living, we are in the Lord**

When we are living, we are in the Lord,  
and when we are dying, we are in the Lord;  
For in our living and in our dying  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,  
loving and serving as we know we should;  
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace,  
sometimes we question everything we face;  
Yet in our yearning is deeper learning:  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Till earth is over may we always know  
love never fails us: God has made it so.  
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;  
We belong to God, we belong to God.

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise 237 Look forward in faith**

Look forward in faith,  
all time is in God's hand.  
Walk humbly with him  
and trust his future plan.  
God has wisely led  
his people by his power.  
Look forward in hope,  
he gives us each new hour.

Look forward in faith,  
the world is in God's care.  
His purpose of love  
he calls on us to share.

In our neighbour's need  
the Lord is present still.  
He blesses the meek!  
The earth will know God's will.

Look forward in faith,  
God gives us life each day.  
Go onward with Christ,  
his Spirit guides our way.  
Now God lets us live  
within the sphere of grace.  
Trust ever in him,  
he rules o'er earth and space!

### **Prayers for Others**

#### **Praise 737 Will your anchor hold**

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain!

*We have an anchor that keeps  
the soul*

*steadfast and sure while the  
billows roll;  
Fastened to the Rock which  
cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the  
Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,

when the breakers roar and the reef is  
near?

While the surges rage, and the wild  
winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark  
o'er flow?

Will your anchor hold in the floods of  
death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest  
breath?

On the rising tide you can never fail  
while your anchor holds within the veil.

Will your eyes behold through the  
morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly  
shore,  
when life's storms are past forever  
more?

### **Benediction**

#### **Notices**

##### **Worship Arrangements**

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

**Haddo Chapel Sunday Evening Services** 6.00pm (tea served in the library from 5.00pm).

This evening Jennifer Rev. Jennifer Denniston daughter of Rev Alasdair Macdonell  
Sunday 13 Rev Fiona Lister

Sunday 20 Father Michael A Hutson (preceded by organ recital by Matthew McVey  
commencing at 5.15pm)

Sunday 27 Rev Professor Iain Torrance

##### **FYP Summer Holiday Fun with Formartine Churches**

Friday 11 August 10.00am Barthol Chapel Church

**Barthol Chapel Community Café** Saturday 12 August 10.00 – 11.30am

**Tarves Kirk Session** meets Tuesday 15 August 7.00pm in the Church.

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

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the minister.