



**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

**Order of Service**

**Sunday 20 August 2023 10.00am**

**The Apostles' Creed – I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**Call to Worship (From Psalm 19:1-4a)**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God  
**ALL: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork**  
 Leader: Day to day pours forth speech  
**ALL: And night to night declares knowledge**  
 Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words  
**ALL: Their voice is not heard**  
 Leader: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
**ALL: And their words to the end of the world.**  
 Leader: Let us worship God

**Praise 149 Let all creation dance**

Let all creation dance  
 in energies sublime,  
 as order turns with chance,  
 unfolding space and time;  
 For nature's art  
 in glory grows,  
 and newly shows  
 God's mind and heart.

Our own amazing earth,  
 with sunlight, cloud, and storms,  
 and life's abundant growth  
 in lovely shapes and forms

is made for praise,  
 a fragile whole,  
 and from its soul  
 heaven's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice:  
 In Christ all praises meet,  
 and nature shall rejoice  
 as all is made complete.  
 In hope be strong,  
 all life befriend,  
 and kindly tend  
 creation's song.

**Prayer of Approach  
 Lord's Prayer**

**Table Talk:** What creative skills do you have?  
 How might these help us to think about God as Creator?

**In the Beginning**

**Praise 212 Morning has broken**

Morning has broken  
 like the first morning,  
 Blackbird has spoken  
 like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing,  
 praise for the morning,

praise for them, springing  
 fresh from the Word!  
 Sweet the rains new fall  
 sunlit from heaven,  
 like the first dewfall  
 on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.  
Mine is the sunlight;  
Mine is the morning,

born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

### **The Word of God: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the  
earth!

*You have set your glory above the  
heavens.*

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and  
infants  
you have founded a bulwark because  
of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the  
avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the  
work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you  
have established;

<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are  
mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower  
than God,  
and crowned them with glory and  
honour.

<sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over  
the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their  
feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the  
sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of  
the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the  
earth!

### **St Matthew 22:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup> They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

### **Praise 247 Moved by the Gospel, let us move**

Moved by the gospel, let us move  
with every gift and art.  
The image of creative love  
indwells each human heart.  
The Maker calls creation good,  
so let us now express  
with sound and colour, stone and  
wood,

the shape of holiness.

Let weavers form from broken strands  
A tapestry of prayer.

Let artists paint with skillful hands  
their joy, lament, and care.

Then mime the story: Christ has come.  
With reverence dance the word.

With flute and organ, gong and drum  
God's praise be ever heard.

O Spirit, breathe among us here;  
Inspire the work we do.

May hands and voices, eye and ear  
attest to life made new.  
In worship and in daily strife  
create among us still.  
Great Artist, form our common life  
according to your will.

## **Reflection: Who is God? Creator of Heaven and Earth**

### **Praise 245 It's a world of sunshine**

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

**FYP Update** Caroline Brown, Youth Development Worker

## **Prayers for Others**

### **Praise 152 Praise the Lord, his glories show**

Praise the Lord, his glories show,  
*Alleluia!*

Saints within his courts below,  
*Alleluia!*

Angels round his throne above,  
*Alleluia!*

All that see and share his love,  
*Alleluia!*

Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth,  
tell his wonders, sing his worth;

Age to age and shore to shore,  
Praise him, praise him ever more!

Praise the Lord, his mercies trace;  
Praise his providence and grace,  
all that he for us has done,  
all he sends us through his Son.

Strings and voices, hands and hearts,  
in the concert play your parts;  
All that breathe, your Lord adore,  
Praise him, praise him ever 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 Father Michael A Hutson (preceded by organ recital by Matthew McVey commencing at 5.15pm)

Sunday 27 Professor Sir Iain Torrance

**How Rural Churches Thrive** Presbytery Reading Group 'How Village Churches Thrive—A Practical Guide' (ISBN: 9781781402191, Cost £9.99, Also Kindle edition available) commences Wednesday 23 August on Zoom morning 9.45am or evening 8.00pm. Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/73701189387?pwd=cVl4WnVTekFiNW9ScVE5OVZzVEFiQT09>

### **Proposed Union Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden**

A note of the discussion which took place at the recent meeting of the congregations to provide information about the proposed union is on the noticeboard in Tarves Kirk along with a copy of the draft Basis of Union. Please feel free to look at these at any time and let Alison or Susanna or Rob or any of the Working Group know if you have any questions. We may not be able to answer them immediately but will come back to you. Please note that there will be no opportunity to amend the Basis of Union at the Congregational Meeting which will be held soon to vote on that Basis of Union.

**Barthol Chapel Kirk Session and Congregational Board** meet at 11.00am (after worship) on Sunday 27 August in Tarves vestry. Business will include voting on the draft Basis of Union with Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden.

**Tarves Kirk Session** meets Tuesday 5 September 7.00pm in the Kirk. Business will include voting on the draft Basis of Union with Barthol Chapel and Udney and Pitmedden.

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

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