



Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service

Sunday 27 August 2023 10.00am

The Apostles' Creed – I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

Call to Worship (From Isaiah 45:22-23)

Leader: God says, "Turn to me and be saved all the ends of the earth!

ALL: For I am God and there is no other.

Leader: By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:

ALL: To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear".

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise 279 Make way! Make way!

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;

Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way, for the King
of kings;*

*Make way, make way, and let his
kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,

the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy, and royal crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

**Prayer of Approach
Lord's Prayer**

Table Talk: One sign used by the early Church was a fish.
Does anyone know why they used a fish and what it means?

Praise 559 There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
till your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
once for sinners slain:

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

The Word of God: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

⁶*who, though he was in the form of God,*

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷*but emptied himself,*

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸*he humbled himself*

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹*Therefore God also highly exalted him*

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰*so that at the name of Jesus*

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹*and every tongue should confess*

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

St Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ ²²All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:*

²³*‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,*

and they shall name him Emmanuel’,

which means, ‘God is with us.’

Praise 159 Lord for the years (omit v3)

Lord, for the years your love has kept
and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on
our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and
provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks
today.

Lord for that word, the Word of life
which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and
inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's
praise.

Lord, for our world; when we disown
and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in
pain;
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ
may reign.

Lord for ourselves; In living power
remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne;
past put behind us, for the future take
us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.

Reflection: Who is Jesus?

Praise 532 Lord you have come to the seashore

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the
wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon
me,
gently smiling, you have spoken
my name.
All I longed for I have found by
the water,
at your side I will seek other
shores.*

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no
wealth.

Will you accept, then, my nets and
labour?

Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the
lost,
returning love for the love you gave
me.

Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place of my restless
heart,
my life's companion, my friend and
refuge.

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

Praise 458 At the name of Jesus (Tune Camberwell)

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
let his grace support you
in temptation's hour;
And his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Brothers, sisters, name him
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

In his Father's glory
Christ shall come again,
Angel hosts proclaiming
his return to reign.
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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 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) today 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.