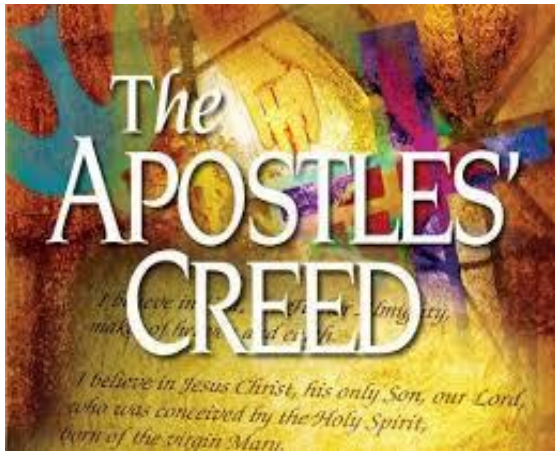


## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Sunday 3 September 2023 10.00am



**The Apostles' Creed – I believe in Jesus Christ, ...who suffered under Pontius, was crucified, and died. 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.**

### **Call to Worship (From 1 John 4:10-12)**

Leader: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us  
**ALL: And sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins**  
Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much we also ought to love one another.  
**ALL: No-one has ever seen God**  
Leader: If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.  
Let us worship God

### **Praise 378 Praise to the holiest in the height**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,-  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O generous love! That he who smote  
in Man, for man, the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail.

Praise to the holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,-  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

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

#### **The Apostles' 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.

**Table Talk:** What has struck you about the Apostles Creed so far?  
 Do you have any questions – write them down.

### **Praise 374 From heaven you came**

From heaven you came, helpless  
 babe,  
 entered our world, your glory veiled;  
 Not to be served but to serve,  
 and give your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant  
 King,  
 he calls us now to follow him,  
 to bring our lives as a daily  
 offering  
 of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears

my heavy load he chose to bear;  
 His heart with sorrow was torn,  
 “yet not my will but yours”, he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,  
 the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
 hands that flung stars into space  
 to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
 and in our lives enthrone him;  
 Each others needs to prefer,  
 for it is Christ we're serving.

### **The Word of God: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12**

<sup>13</sup> *See, my servant shall prosper;  
 he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
 and shall be very high.*

<sup>14</sup> *Just as there were many who were  
 astonished at him  
 —so marred was his appearance,  
 beyond human semblance,  
 and his form beyond that of  
 mortals—*

<sup>15</sup> *so he shall startle many nations;  
 kings shall shut their mouths  
 because of him;  
 for that which had not been told them  
 they shall see,*

*and that which they had not heard  
 they shall contemplate.*

<sup>53</sup> *Who has believed what we have  
 heard?*

*And to whom has the arm of  
 the LORD been revealed?*

<sup>2</sup> *For he grew up before him like a  
 young plant,  
 and like a root out of dry ground;  
 he had no form or majesty that we  
 should look at him,  
 nothing in his appearance that we  
 should desire him.*

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected  
by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted  
with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide  
their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of  
no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our  
transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that  
made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was  
afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its  
shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was  
taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the

living,  
stricken for the transgression of my  
people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in  
his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to  
crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for  
sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall  
prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall  
prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Out of his anguish he shall  
see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his  
knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall  
make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will allot him a portion  
with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the  
strong;  
because he poured out himself  
to death,  
and was numbered with the  
transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the  
transgressors.

### **The Word of God: 1 Peter 2:21-25**

<sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### **Praise 393 We turn to God when we are sorely pressed**

We turn to God when we are sorely  
pressed;  
we pray for help, and ask for peace  
and bread;  
We seek release from illness, guilt,  
and death:  
all people do, in faith or unbelief.

We turn to God when he is sorely  
pressed,  
and find him poor, scorned, without  
roof and bread,

bowed under weight of weakness, sin,  
and death:  
faith stands by God in his dark hour of  
grief.

God turns to us when we are sorely  
pressed,  
and feeds our souls and bodies with  
his bread;  
For one and all Christ gives himself in  
death:  
through his forgiveness sin will find  
relief.

### **Reflection: Why did Jesus die?**

#### **Praise 405 We sing the praise of him who died**

We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
The sinners hope though all deride-  
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, "God is love";  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away;  
It holds the fainting spirit up;

It cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens every bitter cup;

It makes the coward spirit brave,  
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes its terror from the grave,  
and guilds the bed of death with light;

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinners refuge here below,  
the angels theme in heaven above.

### **Prayers for Others**

#### **Praise 396 And can it be (Omit v2) Tune Sagina**

And can it be, that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain-  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for  
me?

He left his Father's throne above,-  
so free, so infinite his grace-  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne  
and claim the crown, through Christ,  
my own.

### **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 Martyn Percy

**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.

**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.

### **Hanover Court Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer Research Thursday 14 September 2.00-3.30pm**

Common Room at Hanover Court. We are hosting this in aid of Breast Cancer so please come along and support. There is no charge as all donations will go to the charity.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving 22 October**

This year all donations will be shared around our own parishes of Barthol Chapel and Tarves. There is great need even in our own communities. You can bring any non perishable items, including toiletries, to the church over the coming weeks. This way you can donate little and often. Please ensure items have a long use by date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

**Tarves Tots** Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

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