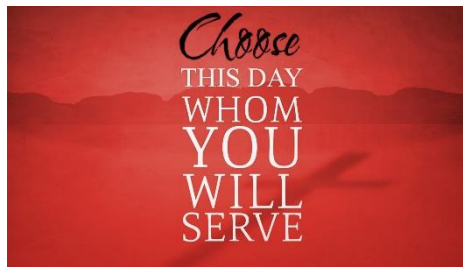


## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Sunday 5 November 2023 10.00am



### Call to Worship

#### Praise 113 God the Father of Creation

God the Father of Creation,  
source of life and energy,  
your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
loving children all to be.

Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,  
in your cross we see the way  
to be servants for each other,  
caring, suffering every day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
never from your path to stray.

Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Father and the Son,  
giver of the joy that fills us,  
yours the peace that makes us one.  
Teach our hearts to be more open  
as we pray "God's will be done."

Members of our Saviour's body,  
here on earth his life to be,  
though we stand as different people,  
may we share the unity  
of the Father, Son and Spirit,  
perfect love in Trinity.

### Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

#### Table Talk: What choices have you made this morning?

#### Praise: 584 Like fireworks in the night

Like fireworks in the night  
the Holy Spirit came;  
disciples' fears took flight  
when touched by fronds of flame:  
and suddenly the world was young  
as hope embraced a Saviour's claim.

For Jesus bade them dare  
to venture, as they should;  
His love taught them to share

their homes, possessions, food:  
the mind of Jesus gave them speech  
all tribes and peoples understood.

Thus God our spirits lifts  
fresh daring to inspire;  
As common folk get gifts  
to change the world entire:  
the tongues of flame at Pentecost  
run through the world like forest fire.

#### The Word of God: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

*24Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and*

served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.....

14 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' <sup>23</sup>He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

### **John 6:56-69**

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### **Praise 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast":  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live":

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright":  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him at my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk,  
till travelling days are done.

### **Sermon**

#### **Praise 748 Through saints we glimpse the light of Christ**

Through saints we glimpse the light of  
Christ,  
the Morning Star that crowns the night,  
whose rising heralds God's new day,  
the promised dawn of life and light.

The light saints bear is not their own  
but shines through them as gift and sign:  
to show how God can use and bless  
frail human means for ends divine.

That light is ours to claim and share,  
not merely praise or gaze upon:  
for all who are baptised become  
light-bearers through the Risen One.

The Saints inspire and challenge us  
our holy calling to embrace;  
To bear Christ's light in our own day,  
to be the vessels of God's grace

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### **Prayers for Others**

#### **Praise 130 Ye servants of God**

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over  
all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
The great congregation his triumph shall  
sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our king.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!"  
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the  
Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing, with angels  
above,  
and thanks never- ceasing, and infinite  
love.

### **Benediction**

## **Notices**

### **Union Barthol Chapel, Tarves, Udney and Pitmedden to form Formartine Parish Church**

All three congregations have now voted unanimously in favour of the Union as of 1 January. The Basis of Union will now be sent to :Presbytery and General Assembly Committees as well as OSCR for approval.

## **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.

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

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

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact Susanna Bichard Tel 01651 851345.

**Tarves Kirk Cards/Notelets** are available – bundles of 12 for a suggested donation of £5.00. All proceeds to Youth Hall Refurbishment.