



**Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and
Pitmedden Kirks**

Order of Service

Sunday 26 November 2023 10.00am

Call to worship – Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Praise 279 Make way! Make way! (Men lead chorus, woman echo)

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: Where does power lie today?

Praise: Source 450 Shout and sing

Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King
lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before his throne to worship and adore,

enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord.

You are my Creator,
you are my Deliverer,
you are my Redeemer,

you are lord, and you are my healer.

you are now my shepherd and my guide,
Jesus, Lord and king, I worship you.

You are my provider,

The Word of God: Jeremiah 23:1-6

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 2 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Praise 392 When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and poor contempt on all my pride.

See! From his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that where an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sermon

Praise 360 Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus,

I have pity too:
let my care be active,
healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

Prayers for Others

Praise 459 Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Benediction

Notices

Today after worship – coffee and getting to know one another time.

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.

Walk Through Nativity We are looking for volunteers willing to help with this provision for the schools. Help required with packing bags on Thursday 30 November at 11.00am here in the Church, also with sourcing scenery and props (suggested list on the notice-board), and setting up after worship on Sunday 10 November.

Sunday 3 November Barthol Chapel Kirk Session and Congregational Board meet in Tarves vestry after worship.

Gingerbread Village – time to get crafty with your cardboard houses/shops etc. More information on the notice-board.

FYP

FYP were awarded £1982.94. Thanks to all who supported FYP through their shopping with the Coop.

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

Tarves Tots Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

Pastoral Care: Please contact Alison Swindells Tel 01651 851295.

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