

# **Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

## **Order of Service**

**Third Sunday of Easter 23 April 2023**

**Tarves 10.00am**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ is risen#!

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



### **Praise 76 How can I ever thank the Lord (Psalm 116)**

1 How can I ever thank the Lord  
for all his gifts to me?  
I'll raise salvation's cup and call  
on God's name joyfully.

2 I'll bring you offerings of thanks  
call on the name of God  
fulfil my promises among  
the people of the Lord.

3 I'll pay my vows in God's own house  
the temple of the Lord  
there in your midst, Jerusalem,  
Praise God with one accord!

### **Prayer of Approach**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Praise 622 We sing a love that sets all people free**

1 We sing a love that sets all people free,  
that blows like wind, that burns like  
scorching flame,  
enfolds the earth, springs up like water  
clear:  
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2 We sing a love that seeks another's good,  
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,  
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:  
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3 We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid  
to be itself, despite another's wrath,  
a love that stands alone and undismayed:  
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts  
today.

4 We sing a love that, wandering, will not  
rest  
until it finds its way, its home, its source,  
through joy and sadness pressing on  
refreshed:  
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

5 We sing a burning, fiery Holy Ghost,  
that seeks out shades of ancient bitterness,  
transfiguring these as Christ in every heart

Come joyful love live in our hearts today

## **The Word of God: Luke 24:13-35**

### **The Walk to Emmaus**

*13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles\* from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.\* 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' 19He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,\* who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.\* Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' 25Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah\* should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

*28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us\* while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

## **Comment**

### **Praise: Creation sings! (tune 'Eternal Father strong to save')**

Creation sings! Each plant and tree,  
each bird and beast in harmony;  
the brightest star, the smallest cell,  
God's tender care and glory tell -  
from ocean depths to mountain peaks,  
in praise of God, creation speaks!

Creation speaks a message true,  
reminds us we are creatures, too;  
to serve as stewards is our role,  
despite our dreams of full control -  
when we disparage what God owns,

in turmoil, all creation groans.

Creation grows to see the day  
which ends all bondage, all decay:  
frustrated now, it must await  
the Lord who comes to recreate  
till round the universe there rings  
the song his new creation sings!

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## Reflection

### Praise 798 The peace of the earth be with you

The peace of the earth be with you  
the peace of the heavens too  
the peace of the rivers be with you  
the peace of the oceans too  
Deep peace falling over you  
God's peace growing in you

## Prayers for others

### 500 Lord of creation, to you be all praise

**1** Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous  
your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

**2** Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom, your service is  
song,  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is  
strong.

**3** Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind;  
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find  
What eye has not seen and what ear has  
not heard

is taught by your Spirit and shines from your  
Word.

**4** Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;  
I praise and adore you for all you impart:  
your love to inflame me, your counsel to  
guide,  
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

**5** Lord of all being, I give you my all,  
if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall;  
but sworn in your service your word I'll obey,  
and walk in your freedom to the end of the  
way.

## CLOSING WORDS

**As resurrection people**

**ALL: We look for signs of the kingdom**

**As resurrection people**

**ALL: We walk by faith and not by sight**

**As resurrection people**

**ALL: We share the hope of the gospel**

**As resurrection people**

**ALL: We live in power of the Spirit.**

## Benediction

## Notices

**Worship Arrangements**

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that for the next few months Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom. In Church please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing.

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