

Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter 30 April 2023

Tarves 10.00am

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen

ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia

Praise 416 Christ is alive (Tune 129 Church Triumphant)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let's streets and homes with praises

ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never

die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,

where colour, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

Praise 65 Jubilate Everybody (Sung 3 times increasing speed) Jubilate, everybody, serve the Lord in all your ways, and come before his presence singing, enter now his courts with praise. For the Lord our God is gracious, and his mercy everlasting. Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate, iubilate Deo!

The Word of God:

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in

common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10:1-10

10'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Praise 424 Blest be the everlasting God Blest be the everlasting God, the Father of our Lord!
Be his abounding mercy praised, His Majesty adored!

When from the dead he raised his Son, and called him to the sky, he gave our souls a lively hope that they should never die.

To an inheritance divine he taught our hearts to rise; 'tis uncorrupted, undefiled, unfading in the skies.

Saints by the power of God are kept, till the salvation come: we walk by faith as strangers here; But Christ shall call us home.

Reflection

Praise 685 (Omit v4) For everyone born a place at the table

For everyone born, a place at the table.

for everyone born, clean water and bread.

-a shelter a space, a safe place for growing,

for everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joyyes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,

revising the rules, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,

for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,

a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands kind and wrinkled. for young and for old, the right to

belong.

to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and

worship,

For everyone born, a place at the

table,

for everyone born, the right to be free.

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: 248 For my sake and the Gospel's go

"For my sake and the gospel's, go the love of his atonement,

and tell redemptions story"; for whom they count the world but

his heralds answer, "be it so, loss,

and thine, Lord, all the glory!" his Easter, his enthronement.

They preach his birth, his life, his

cross,

Hark! Hark! The trump of jubilee proclaims to every nation, from pole to pole, by land and sea, glad tidings of salvation.
Still on and on the anthems spread of alleluia voices; in concert with the holy dead, the warrior church rejoices.

He comes, whose advent trumpet drowns the last of times evangels, Immanuel, crowned with many crowns, the Lord of saints and angels.

O Life, Light, Love, the great I AM, Triune, who changest never, the throne of God and of the Lamb is thine, and thine forever.

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.

Tarves Tots Thursdays 9.15-11.00am

From Caroline at FYP: SAVE THE DATE! Formartine Youth Project are delighted to be celebrating 10 years of helping young people to be themselves, believe in themselves and feel they belong as part of our churches and communities. Join us for a picnic at Methlick Church on Sunday 28th May 1-3pm. Bring a plate to share. More details to follow.