



## **Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**

### **Order of Service**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**14 May 2023**

**Tarves 10.00am**

### **Call to Worship**

Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

### **Praise 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we  
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
Thy justice like mountains, high  
soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great  
and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on  
the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught  
changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of  
light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling  
their sight.  
All praise we would render: o help us  
to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth  
thee.

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

**Table Talk: What is your idea of heaven? And do you think it matters?**

### **Praise: 213 Every new morning**

Every new morning  
God gives us freely  
hearts that are thankful,  
strength for the task,  
people who love us,  
joy in our service,  
all we have need of  
if we but ask.

God will be with us  
in all our thinking,  
in all our speaking,  
in all we do;  
And as we praise him  
by all our actions,  
he will be with us,  
seeing us through.

God in the morning,  
God in the noontide,  
God in the evening,  
all through the day;

God is within us,  
and all around us,  
God goes before us,  
all of the way.

### **The Word of God: Zechariah 8:1-13**

*8The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. <sup>5</sup>And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; <sup>8</sup>and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.*

*9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the LORD of hosts. <sup>10</sup>For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. <sup>11</sup>But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. <sup>13</sup>Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.*

### **Revelation 21:22-22:5**

*I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

*22Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need*

*no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.*

### **Praise 425 The Saviour died, but rose again**

The Saviour died, but rose again  
triumphant from the grave;  
and pleads our cause at God's right  
hand,  
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more  
from Jesus and his love,  
or break the sacred chain that binds  
the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,  
and days of darkness fall;

through him all dangers we'll defy,  
and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,  
nor time's destroying sway,  
can e'er efface us from his heart,  
or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless,  
as it has blessed the past:  
he loved us from the first of time,  
he loves us to the last.

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise 247 Moved by the Gospel**

Moved by the Gospel,  
let us move with every gift and art.  
The image of creative love  
indwells each human heart.  
The Maker calls creation good,  
so let us now express  
with sound and colour, stone and  
wood,  
the shape of holiness.

Let weavers form from broken strands  
a tapestry of prayer.  
Let artists paint with skillful hands  
their joy, lament, and care.

Then mime the story: Christ has come.  
With reverence dance the word.  
With flute and organ, gong and drum  
God's praise be ever heard.

O Spirit, breathe among us here;  
Inspire the work we do.  
May hands and voices, eye and ear  
attest to life made new.  
In worship and in daily strife  
create among us still.  
Great Artist, form our common life  
according to your will.

### **Prayers for Others**

#### **Praise 738 Glorious things of thee are spoken**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage-  
grace which, like the Lord the Giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world divide or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.

Fleeting is the worldling's pleasure,  
and all boasted pomp and show;

Solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

### **Benediction**

#### **Notices**

##### **Worship Arrangements**

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that 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.

**Barthol Chapel Community Café** Saturday 13 May 10.00 – 11.30am. All welcome

**Tarves Kirk Session** meeting today Sunday 14 May in the vestry immediately after worship.

**Tarves Congregational Meeting** Sunday 21 May in the Kirk immediately after worship.

**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.

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

**Tarves Tots** Thursdays 9.15-11.00am