



## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

### Order of Service

### Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension)

21 May 2023

Tarves 10.00am

### Call to Worship

Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

### Praise 448 Lord the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon  
us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring  
us.

Shine on me, shine on me:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,-  
fill this land with the Father's  
glory;*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze-  
set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and  
mercy;*

*Sent forth your word,-  
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome  
presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
By your blood I may enter your  
brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your  
story.

Shine on me, shine on me;

### Prayer of Approach

### Lord's Prayer

### FYP Update

### Praise: 443 He is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord;  
He is risen from the dead, and he is  
Lord;  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue  
confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is love, he is love;

He has shown us by his cross that he  
is love;  
All his people sing with one voice of  
joy  
that Jesus Christ is love.

He is life, he is life;  
He has died to set us free and he is  
life;

and he calls us all to live evermore  
for Jesus Christ is life.

He is King, he is King;

He will draw all nations to him, he is  
King;  
And the time shall be when the world  
shall sing  
that Jesus Christ is King.

### **The Word of God: Romans 8:28-39**

*28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

*31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

*<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **Acts 1:1-14**

*In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'*

*6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of*

*Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'*

*12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*

### **Praise 446 Lift up your hearts believers**

Lift up your hearts, believers!  
This is the holy day when Jesus, our Redeemer,  
completes salvation's way.  
The forty days are over,  
and clouds shine high and bright  
as Christ, the overcomer,  
is lifted from our sight.

Lift up your hearts, believers!  
You gates, lift up your heads!  
Though minds be full of wonder,  
though souls be filled with dread.  
The Spirit has been promised,  
and though we are alone,

we wait until the moment  
when fire and wind are known.

Lift up your hearts, believers!  
And do not be downcast,  
for Jesus, our Redeemer,  
receives the crown at last.  
The thorns of crucifixion  
are changed to stars of light,  
and Christ, the Lord of glory,  
is named as God's delight.

Lift up your hearts, believers!  
This is the holy day  
when Jesus, our Redeemer,  
completes salvation's way.

### **Reflection**

#### **Praise 438 The head that once was crowned with thorns**

The head that once was crowned with  
thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of Lords,  
and heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above  
the joy of all below  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know:

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him,  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

## Prayers for Others

### **Praise 439 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious**

Look, ye Saints, the sight is glorious!  
See the Man of Sorrows now,  
from the fight returned victorious-  
every knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him!  
Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Sinners in derision crowned him,  
marked the dying Saviours claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around him,  
own his title, praise his name.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him!  
Spread abroad the Victor's fame.

Crown the Saviour, angels, crown him!  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of power enthrone him,  
while the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him!  
Crown the Saviour King of kings!

Hark, those bursts of exclamation!  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station-  
or, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him!  
King of kings, and Lord of Lords!

## Benediction

### **Tarves Congregational Meeting**

1. Presentation of Accounts
2. Report of Session Clerk

### **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.

**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.

**Barthol Chapel Congregational Meeting** Sunday 4 June in Tarves Church at the close of worship

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

**Tarves Tots** Thursdays 9.15-11.00am