



Order of Service

Barthol Chapel and Tarves

Sunday 2 October 2022 10.00am

Harvest 2022

Call to Worship

Leader: We live in God's world

ALL: Great is the Lord and wonderful is his creation

Leader: God is at work in the world and in our lives

ALL: He calls us to treasure his creation, to share its harvests, to love and live for one another, to be his family, blessed by his love.

Praise CH4 229 We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the green,
the breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank
the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Prayers of Approach

Voice 1 : Let us pray

Voice 2: O Lord of heaven and earth and sea
The God of life, the Lord of all
We come to you today to give thanks.
We thank you for the world we live in

For the seasons of summer and winter, autumn and spring.
We thank you for day and night, for sunshine and cloud,
For rain and warmth that bring seed-times to harvests.
For all the gifts of your wonderful creation,
That clothe us, feed us, and sustain our life
We thank you God.

Voice 1: Loving God today we recognise how much we depend on you
Too often we take your goodness for granted.
We think of the wonders of your creation and we are aware of how
easily
We become wrapped up in our own small world
Concerned only with our own wants and needs,
Forgetting the needs of others.

Voice 2: O Lord of our lives, the God of all creation
We thank you for this time of worship
That will if we let it deepen our appreciation of life
And widen our horizons of love

Sung Response Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia
We'll praise the Lord
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia
We'll praise the Lord
We'll praise the Lord, Halleluia
We'll praise the Lord, Halleluia
We'll praise the Lord, Halleluia
We'll praise the Lord!
Amen

INTRODUCING THE HARVEST TREE

The Word of God: Genesis 2:4b-18

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

18 Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'

THE HARVEST TREE (cont'd)

Praise 181 For the beauty of the earth (Tune Dix 326)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Christ, our God, to you we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift and sign
of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

MORE LEAVES FROM THE HARVEST TREE

Praise JP 230 Thank you for every new good morning

Thank You for every new good
morning,
thank You for every fresh new day,
thank You that I may cast my burdens
wholly onto You.

Thank You for leisure and
employment,
thank You for every heartfelt joy,
thank You for all that makes me happy
and for melody.

Thank You for every shade and
sorrow,
thank You for comfort in Your word

thank You that I am guided by You
everywhere I go.

Thank You for grace to know your
gospel,
thank You for all Your Spirit's power,
Thank You for Your unfailing love
which reaches far and near.

Thank You for free and full salvation,
thank You for grace to hold it fast.
thank You, O Lord, I want to thank You
that I'm free to thank!
Thank You O Lord, I want to thank You
that I'm free to thank!

THE FINAL LEAVES FROM THE HARVEST TREE

Praise: 240 God in such love for us lent us this planet (Tune 327 or 159?)

God in such love for us lent us this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space:
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;

Long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have need of,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it, ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord, deliver us, world without end!

Presentation of Long Service Certificate to Eileen Galloway

Harvest Prayers The Lord's Prayer

Praise 231 For the fruits of all creation (Tune 562)

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
For these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Benediction

Worship Arrangements for Autumn/Winter

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.

Today we continue to celebrate Harvest – thanks to those who helped decorate the Church and for all the donations for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank.

Bible Study The Miraculous Signs in John's Gospel Thursday evenings 1 September to 13 October 7.30pm on Zoom or in person Thursday mornings 1 September to 13 October 10.30am Tarves vestry. NB This week the evening meeting on Zoom will be on Wednesday not Thursday.

Guild Coffee Morning Saturday 15 October 2022 10.00am – 12noon Tarves Kirk

Harvest Celebration for Formartine Grouping Saturday 15 October 2022 3.00pm – 6.00pm Pitmedden Church

3pm Refreshments

3.30pm Activities for all ages

5pm Harvest Service

5.30pm Share the meal

You are welcome to come for the whole afternoon or any part of it.

Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Kirk at 10.00am with **Tarves Tots** commencing 9.30am.

Praise Band Friday Evenings 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All singers and instrumentalists welcome.

Pastoral Care Please contact Fiona