



## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

### Order of Service

### Trinity Sunday

4 June 2023

Tarves 10.00am

### Call to Worship

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Father

**ALL: Who sets the sun and stars in the circle of heaven...**

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Son

**ALL: Whose outstretched arms encircle us all...**

Leader: We light a flame in the name of God: The Spirit

**ALL: Who draws us into a circle of love...**

### Praise 113 God the Father of Creation

God the Father of Creation,  
source of life and energy,  
your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
loving children all to be.

Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Father and the Son,  
giver of the joy that fills us,  
yours the peace that makes us one.  
Teach our hearts to be more open  
as we pray "God's will be done."

Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,  
in your cross we see the way  
to be servants for each other,  
caring, suffering every day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
never from your path to stray.

Members of our Saviour's body,  
here on earth his life to be,  
though we stand as different people,  
may we share the unity  
of the Father, Son and Spirit,  
perfect love in Trinity.

### Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

**Table Talk** Were you ever a rebel?

Can you think of a time in your life when someone asked you to do something or you felt you had to do something and you did not understand why until after you had done it?

### Praise 609 vs 1,2,5,6 Come living God when least expected

Come, living God, when least  
expected,  
when minds are dull and hearts are  
cold,

through sharpening word and warm  
affection  
revealing truths as yet untold.

Break from the tomb in which we hide  
you  
to speak again in startling ways;  
break through the words in which we  
bind you  
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

Then, through our gloom, your Son will  
meet us

as vivid truth and living Lord,  
exploding doubt and disillusion  
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

Then we will share his radiant  
brightness and,  
blazing through the dread of night,  
illuminate by love and reason,  
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

### **The Word of God: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*6In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:*

*'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.'*

*<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'*

*6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'*

### **John 3:1-21**

*3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?*

*11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son*

of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’

**Praise 600** Spirit of God unseen as the wind

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind  
gentle as is the dove,  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,  
give us the written word;  
We read it still, needing its truth,

through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
We need your power, we need your  
strength,  
following Christ each day.

**Reflection**

**Praise 251** I the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Prayers for Others**

**Praise 465** Be Thou my vision

Be thou my Vision, o Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that  
thou art;

Thou my best thought in the day or the  
night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my  
light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me,  
Lord;  
Thou my great Father: thine own I would be;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, after Victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Benediction**

### **Notices**

**Today: Barthol Chapel Congregational Meeting** in Tarves Church at the close of worship

**Next Sunday: Final Worship Service at Barthol Chapel** Sunday 11 June at 11.00am followed by soup and sweet lunch. All Welcome. No service at Tarves. Those wishing to follow worship on-line are welcome to join Udney and Pitmedden at 10.00am

**Zoom link:**

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120275292?pwd=OEhJS0pPa0tvcE90VVBxMXIrMVF5UT09>

**Meeting ID: 871 2027 5292**

**Passcode: Udney**

**Tarves Kirk Session** Tuesday 6 June 7.00pm in the Church

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

**Tarves Tots** Thursdays 9.15 -11.00am