

## Order of Service for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Tarves 9.30am

Barthol Chapel 11.15am

### Call to Worship

We come this day to  
worship  
Almighty God, Creator, and Ruler of all,  
and to seek God's guidance for our lives.

**We come to be still,  
we come to listen,  
we come to be noisy,  
and we come to offer ourselves to God  
That God's Spirit might work in us.**



Let us worship God

### Praise CH4 147

All creatures of our God and King  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright brother sun with golden beam,  
clear sister moon with softer gleam;  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,  
high clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,  
and lights of evening, find a voice;

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, with your flames so fierce and  
bright,  
giving to all both warmth and light;

Dear Mother Earth, who day by day  
unfolds God's blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show;

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the  
Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One

### Prayers of Approach and Lord's Prayer

#### The Word of God

##### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> *The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his  
handiwork.*

<sup>2</sup> *Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup> *There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;*

<sup>4</sup> *yet their voice goes out through all the  
earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

*In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
 and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
 and its circuit to the end of them;  
 and nothing is hidden from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
 reviving the soul;  
 the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
 making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
 rejoicing the heart;  
 the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
 enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
 enduring for ever;  
 the ordinances of the LORD are true*

*and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
 even much fine gold;  
 sweeter also than honey,  
 and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
 in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors?  
 Clear me from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
 do not let them have dominion over me.  
 Then I shall be blameless,  
 and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be acceptable to you,  
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

### **Mark 12:28-31**

*28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." <sup>31</sup>The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'*

### **Praise CH4 259 Beauty for brokenness**

*Beauty for brokenness,  
 hope for despair,  
 Lord, in the suffering  
 this is our prayer.  
 Bread for the children,  
 justice, joy, peace,  
 sunrise to sunset  
 your Kingdom increase.*

*Shelter for fragile lives,  
 cures for their ills,  
 work for the craftsmen,  
 trade for their skills.  
 Land for the dispossessed,  
 rights for the weak,  
 voices to plead the cause  
 of those who can't speak.*

*God of the poor,  
 friend of the weak,  
 give us compassion, we pray,  
 melt our cold hearts,  
 let tears fall like rain.*

*Come, change our love  
 from a spark to a flame.*

*Refuge from cruel wars,  
 havens from fear,  
 cities for sanctuary,  
 freedoms to share.  
 Peace to the killing fields,  
 scorched earth to green,  
 Christ for the bitterness,  
 his cross for the pain.*

*Rest for the ravaged earth,  
 oceans and streams,  
 plundered and poisoned,  
 our future, our dreams.  
 Lord, end our madness,  
 carelessness, greed;  
 make us content with  
 the things that we need.*

*God of the poor...*

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations

learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.  
*God of the poor.....*

## Reflection

### Prayers for Others

#### **Praise CH4 172 Sing for God's glory**

Sing for God's glory that colours the  
dawn of creation,  
racing across the sky, trailing bright  
clouds of elation;  
sun of delight  
succeeds the velvet of night,  
warming the earth's exaltation.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each  
easy illusion,  
tearing down tyrants and putting our  
pride to confusion;  
Lifeblood of right,  
resisting evil and slight,  
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's power that shatters the  
chains that would bind us,  
searing the darkness of fear and  
despair that could blind us,  
touching our shame  
with love that will not lay blame,  
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's saints who have  
travelled faith's journey before us,  
who in their weariness give us their  
hope to restore us;  
In them we see  
the new creation to be,  
Spirit of love made flesh for us.

### Blessing

#### **Take Home Suggestion**

When you get a chance this week try to go beyond your usual haunts to a place where you can spend time in the presence of creation (perhaps in a park, by the sea, or atop a hill). Feel the presence of the diversity and immensity of the universe, What does this say to you of God? Do you hear the groans of creation as well as its praise? Pray for COP26

#### **Notices**

##### **This Week**

The service from Tarves will not be broadcast on Zoom today. Instead, people are encouraged to join the service at Udney Pitmedden at 9.45 for 10.00am or Methlick on Zoom at 10.30am. Links for these are

##### **Methlick 10.30am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89439818507?pwd=USt1Y0MxTzBXYUt3ZEpjRmxvMktjdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 894 3981 8507

**Passcode:** 069460

**Dial in** 0131 460 1196

## **Udny Pitmedden 10.00am**

Zoom link:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120275292?pwd=OEhJS0pPa0tvcE90VVBxMXlrMVF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 871 2027 5292

Passcode: Udny

## **Sunday 24 October Harvest Thanksgiving All Welcome**

**9.30am Tarves** The Church will be laid out café-style and coffee will be served after worship. The service can also be accessed live on Zoom. There will be an opportunity to contribute to the Church of Scotland's National Giving Day. Donations of flowers are welcome and can be made by arrangement with Doreen Brown or Pat More.

**11.15am Barthol Chapel** Gather from 10.45am. Bring your own coffee.

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. Please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home.

**Community Bible Experience** We hope to read the books of the Bible, loosely known as the Writings, which include Psalms, Proverbs etc before Christmas. There is a reading programme and a weekly discussion group (probably on Zoom at a time that suits as many as possible) at which people can raise any questions, or thoughts which have come up in their reading in the previous week. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this group and I will include you in the numbers requiring a book.

Tuesday 26 October Tarves Kirk Session meets at 7.00pm on Zoom – link to follow.

## **Parish Grouping**

A second update on progress towards our new parish grouping with Methlick and Udny Pitmedden is available on the website. Pray for all those involved in the steering group.

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison 01651 851295.