

**Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks**  
**Order of Service Sunday 15 May 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



### Call to Worship

#### **Praise: CH4 474 Omit v2 Hail to the Lord's anointed**

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captives free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the faithful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

For him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his Kingdom still increasing,  
a Kingdom without end.  
The mountain dews shall nourish  
a seed, in weakness sown,  
whose fruit shall spread and flourish  
and shake like Lebanon.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever;  
That name to us is Love.

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

### The Word of God

#### **Acts 11:1-18**

*11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet*

coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

### **St John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

### **Praise CH4 553 Just as I am**

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you call us "Come to me",  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because your promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am - your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down -  
now to be yours, and yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above –  
Or Lamb of God, I come.

### **Reflection**

### **Praise CH4 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?

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

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,  
and days of darkness fall;  
through him all dangers we'll defy,  
and more than conquer all.

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.

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving, Dedication and Intercession**

#### **Praise CH4 470 Jesus shall reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does it successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

People and realms of every tongue  
declare his love in sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

### **Blessing**

#### **Notices**

#### **Next Week Sunday 22 May Assembly Sunday**

**9.30am Tarves** This service can also usually be accessed live on Zoom. The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held at the end of the service.

**11.15am Barthol Chapel**

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 and join us on Zoom.

**Formartine Youth Project** are collecting kitchen towel cardboard inners as part of a Pentecost/Jubilee community craft activity session in Pitmedden on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We would be grateful to collect any spare that anyone may have... pass them to Alison for onward transmission.

**Pastoral Care** Alison is a Commissioner at the General Assembly. In her absence please contact Fiona 07905 770259.