



Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

10.00am Sunday 20 April 2025 Tarves Kirk

Easter Day

Please use the Tarves Zoom link

Call to Worship

Praise CH4 410 Jesus Christ is risen today

Prayer of Adoration

Praise MP 77 Christ triumphant

Word of God – St Mark 16:1-8

Jesus Rises From the Dead

16 The Sabbath day ended. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices. They were going to use them for Jesus' body. **2** Very early on the first day of the week, they were on their way to the tomb. It was just after sunrise. **3** They asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb?" **4** Then they looked up and saw that the stone had been rolled away. The stone was very large. **5** They entered the tomb. As they did, they saw a young man dressed in a white

robe. He was sitting on the right side. They were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. But he has risen! He is not here! See the place where they had put him. **7** Go! Tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. It will be just as he told you.'"

8 The women were shaking and confused. They went out and ran away from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Epilogue

Reflective Prayer

Praise CH4 417 Now the green blade riseth

Word of God – St Luke 24:13-35

On the Road to Emmaus

13 That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked about those things, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. **16** But God kept them from recognizing him.

17 Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?"

They stood still, and their faces were sad. **18** One of them was named Cleopas. He said to Jesus, "Are you the only person visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know? Don't you know about the things that have happened there in the last few days?"

19 "What things?" Jesus asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet. He was powerful in what he said and did in the sight of God and all the people. **20** The chief priests and our rulers

handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death. They nailed him to a cross. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to set Israel free. Also, it is the third day since all this happened. ²² Some of our women amazed us too. Early this morning they went to the tomb. ²³ But they didn't find his body. So they came and told us what they had seen. They saw angels, who said Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our friends went to the tomb. They saw it was empty, just as the women had said. They didn't see Jesus' body there."

²⁵ Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are! How long it takes you to believe all that the prophets said! ²⁶ Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and then receive his glory?" ²⁷ Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures. He began with Moses and all the Prophets.

²⁸ They approached the village where they were going. Jesus kept walking as if he were

going farther. ²⁹ But they tried hard to keep him from leaving. They said, "Stay with us. It is nearly evening. The day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ He joined them at the table. Then he took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But then he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "He explained to us what the Scriptures meant. Weren't we excited as he talked with us on the road?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 disciples and those with them. They were all gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "It's true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then the two of them told what had happened to them on the way. They told how they had recognized Jesus when he broke the bread.

Reflection

Easter Affirmation

Women: The trees clap their hands.

Men: The birds dance in flight.

Women: The mountains stretch taller.

Men: The rivers gurgle praise.

Women: The air feels fresher.

Men: The sun glows brighter.

Women: All of creation sings loudly.

All: And we will rejoice.

Women: The past is behind.

Men: The future in front.

Women: The prophets are true.

Men: The promise fulfilled.

Women: The word is breathing.

Men: The song is sung.

Women: The story continues.

All: And we will celebrate.

Women: The women weep.

Men: The men disbelieve.

Women: The women are surprised.

Men: The men are confused.

Women: The tomb is empty.

Men: The body has gone.

Women: The miracle has happened.

All: And we will give thanks.

Women: Dawn has broken.

Men: The stone has rolled.

Women: The grave-clothes folded.

Men: The angels are waiting.

Women: The women proclaim.

Men: The gardener has returned.

Women: Death has been fooled.

All: And we will shout 'alleluia'.

Praise CH4 411 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers for the World

Dedication of the Offering

'Jesus is Back!' by Janet Lees

Praise CH4 419 Thine be the glory

Sending and blessing

Choral Amen

Notices

Worship arrangements

United services of worship alternate between Kirks.
Sundays at 10.00am

27 April – Pitmedden

04 May – Tarves

11 May – Pitmedden Christian Aid Sunday

18 May - Tarves

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