



## Formartine Parish Church - Tarves Kirk

21 April 2024 at 10.00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Call to worship

Leader: Now is the time, now is the hour

**All: For us to gather in worship and praise.**

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**All: For us to seek God's forgiveness.**

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**All: For God's Spirit to unite us in prayer**

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**All: For us to listen to God's word for us.**

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**All: For God's power and strength to renew us for his service.**

**This is the time, this is the hour**

**We give our worship and praise**

**To you, ever loving God.**

**CH4 251: I the Lord of sea and sky**

**Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer**

**CH4 250: Sent by the Lord am I**

**Word of God:**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

**Moses and the Burning Bush**

*3 Moses was taking care of the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. Jethro was the priest of Midian. Moses led the flock to the western side of the desert. He came to Horeb. It was the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him from inside a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire. But it didn't burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I'll go over and see this strange sight. Why doesn't the bush burn up?"*

*<sup>4</sup> The LORD saw that Moses had gone over to look. So God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, "Moses! Moses!"*

*"Here I am," Moses said.*

*<sup>5</sup> "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God.*

*<sup>7</sup> The LORD said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites live there. <sup>9</sup> And now Israel's cry for help has reached me. I have seen how*

badly the Egyptians are treating them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses spoke to God. “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” he said. “Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> God said, “I will be with you. I will give you a sign. It will prove that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the people of Israel. Suppose I say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ And suppose they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Here is what you must say to the Israelites. Tell them, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD is the God of your fathers. He has sent me to you. He is the God of Abraham. He is the God of Isaac. And he is the God of Jacob.’ My name will always be The LORD. Call me this name for all time to come.”

### **Mark 1:14-20**

#### **Jesus Preaches the Good News**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee. He preached the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!”

#### **Jesus Chooses His First Disciples**

<sup>16</sup> One day Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. There he saw Simon and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake. They were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Come and follow me,” Jesus said. “I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> Then Jesus walked a little farther. As he did, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Right away he called out to them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men. Then they followed Jesus.

### **CH4 532: Lord you have come to the seashore**

(Video intro)

#### **Table Talk – Are we listening?**

- **What could it be that God sees in you? Take some time to pray this out.**
- **Have you taken the time to chat to others about your sense of call?**
- **What do others say about your gifts?**
- **What if you're called off the beaten track? Will you be open to the invitation?**
- **What will you say in response?**

#### **Address**

#### **CH4 679: One is the body**

#### **Dedication of the Offering and Prayer for the World**

#### **CH4 248: For my sake and the gospel's go**

#### **Blessing and Choral Amen**

## Notices

### Formartine Church Newsletter

There is a weekly newsletter produced by Elaine Moffat. If you have any items to be advertised please contact her [elainemoff@aol.com](mailto:elainemoff@aol.com)

This newsletter will gradually replace most of this notices section of the order of service and will be emailed to those on the worship mailing list. If you wish to be added to this list please let me or Doreen know.

### Next Sunday at 10.00

United Worship in Pitmedden with Holy Communion

### United worship services

These will usually be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (and 5<sup>th</sup> where there is one) of the month and will alternate between Tarves and Pitmedden Kirks.

The next one is on Sunday 28 April in Pitmedden when Rev Alastair Bruce will celebrate Holy Communion. See posters, our fb and website for more information. [www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk)

### Membership Roll

This will be available at the service on Sunday 28 April in Pitmedden Kirk. Anyone wishing to double check that their correct details are on the roll can do so then.

### Formartine Kirk Session meeting

This will be on Thursday 09 May in Pitmedden Kirk at 7.30pm.

### FYP

Sean Swindells is running the London marathon today for FYP. You can support the project by sponsoring him. Link below

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QR code available on the new Formartine Church website and fb page

### Tuesdays 10-11.00am Tarves Kirk

Coffee morning in Tarves

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