

GARROWBYBENEFICE



Lent 3
A Service of the Word

Introduction

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All And also with you

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence
Open our minds to your grace
Open our lips to your praises
Open our hearts to your love
Open our lives to your healing

All And be found among us. Amen

(David Adam)

Hymn: O Love that will not let me go

Prayer of Confession

We come seeking forgiveness for all that we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

**All In God there is forgiveness
Loving and all seeing God, forgive us
Where we have fallen short of your image in us
Where we have failed to support one another
And be what we claim to be
Where we have failed to serve you
Where our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love, we ask your
pardon**

God forgives us, be at Peace

Silence

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is the resurrection,
And offers reconciliation for the whole human race

**All We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us, accepted us,
And who sends us into the world**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together:

**All May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
May the love of God speak to us all**

The New Testament Lesson is from Romans 4 v 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Inspired by love and anger

The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13 33-38

All Glory to you O Lord

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Heaven shall not wait

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession ~ ending with

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer of commitment

All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.

Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.

Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.

In the name of Jesus your living son. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, ground of being, bread of life and spirit of peace
Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed
Now and always

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn: O Lord your tenderness