



## **GARROWBYBENEFICE**

**Lent 2**  
**A Service of the Word**

## INTRODUCTION

### Opening sentence

God has set eternity in the human heart. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
John 17 3

### Opening Prayer

“Give God time and He will give you eternity” St Cyril of Jerusalem  
Lord of life and truth you have entered our lives and given us the joy of your presence through worship.

#### **All May we open our eyes to see you**

Lord of hope and truth, you have called us to be your hands and feet in the world

#### **All May others meet you through us**

Lord of eternity, you have given us new life beginning here on earth which will never end

#### **All May we walk in your footsteps until we meet our father in heaven**

### *Hymn: Will you come and follow me?*

### Prayers of Adoration

Loving God, for making the world to be our home and giving us the hope of a home in heaven

#### **All We praise and thank you**

Saving God, for coming to live our human life amongst us and to teach us how to live in your kingdom on earth

#### **All We praise and thank you**

Empowering God, for filling us with love, joy and peace, with courage and strength, for calling us to serve you and to show your life to others

#### **All We praise and thank you**

### Confession and Absolution

You have given us a world of beauty  
**All and we have spoiled it**

You have given us food for all  
**All yet so many go hungry**

You have given us a world of riches  
**All and we are unwilling to share**

You have given us a world to care for  
**All but we think only of ourselves**

So, Lord, forgive us

**All Gracious God, for those times when your heart is saddened by our selfishness; for those times when we have no thought for others, no cares but ours: enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you to be shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be cared for and loved.**

**Amen**

May Almighty God forgive you, Jesus Christ renew you and the Spirit of God rest upon you to bring you peace.

**All Amen**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they might return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such good things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## **Reading from the New Testament**

### **Romans 4 1-5 ~ 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents

of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: In Christ alone**

**Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3 1-17

**All Glory to Christ our Lord**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise be to you O Christ**

## Sermon

*Hymn: Take my life*

## Intercessions

*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.

## Closing Prayers

Loving Father bind us together in love and compassion

**All** and keep us secure as one body.

Your eyes have seen God's love, open them to look for the glorious hope.

Your ears have heard His songs, open them afresh to hear His word

Your tongues have uttered His praise, guard them to speak the truth in love

## Blessing

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart

**All** Amen

May Christ who bore our sins in his body on the tree heal you by his wounds

**All** Amen

May the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace

**All** Amen

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you,  
upon your homes and all whom you love, now and always

**All Amen**

Go in the Peace of Christ

**All Thanks be to God**

***Hymn: Deep peace of the running wave to you***