



## **GARROWBYBENEFICE**

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

## 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**

## 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

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

## **Reading from the New Testament**

### **Romans 4 13-25**

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was

as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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 Mark 8 31-38

**All Glory to Christ our Lord**

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

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***