



**GARROWBY BENEFICE**

**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)*

## 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

***Hymn: O Love that will not let me go***

## New Testament reading

### 1 Corinthians 1 18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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 2 13-22

**All Glory to you O Lord**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he

had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

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 LORDS 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***