

GARROWBY BENEFICE

**Second Sunday before Lent
Service of the Word**



INTRODUCTION

Hymn: You laid aside your majesty

OPENING SENTENCE:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His glories never end. They are new every morning.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

New every morning is your love great God of Light, and all day long you are working for good in the world

All Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbours and all creation, and to devote each day to your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father, word of life
When we treat our words lightly
When we are partial and prejudiced
When our words inflame rather than bring peace

All Lord have mercy

When we fail to tame our tongues
And our words are not filled with grace and love
When we praise you, yet insult our brothers
When our words wound and corrupt

All Lord have mercy

When our words are proud and self-seeking
When we convey envy and ambition
instead of mercy and sincerity
When our humour is hurtful instead of joyful

All Lord have mercy

Grant us that heavenly wisdom,
That we might live as your people,
That we might bring peace and harvest righteousness.

All And see your Kingdom come

Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and lead us into the way of righteousness.

All Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign supreme over all things.

All Amen

READINGS

A reading from Romans 8 18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Still in Control

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 6 25-end

All Glory to you O Lord

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in

all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

ADDRESS

Hymn: Far too wonderful

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are God's work of art, each one of us a precious gem, a marvellous melody, a potter's delight

All We are God's handiwork, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty

We are the church of Jesus Christ, diverse in human qualities but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves

All We are the body of Christ, living in His truth, sharing His Peace, carrying His hope, embodying His love throughout the world He loves so much

We should remind ourselves once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about

All We are uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are by the power of God working in and amongst us. We open ourselves to God who makes all things new.

PEACE

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

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.

Hymn: Is he worthy?

CLOSING WORDS

As we leave this time of worship, while so much of the road ahead is uncertain and the path constantly changing

All We know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet and the sky above our heads

We know God is love

All We know Christ's light endures

We know the Holy Spirit is there found in the spaces between all things

All Closer to us than our next breath and binding us to each other until we meet again

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

All Amen

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

All Amen

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

All Amen

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, guard you, save you, and bring you home to be with Him in the joy of His presence and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you, your homes, and all whom you love today and always

All Amen

DISMISSAL

With love and compassion

All Lord Jesus be with us

In our homes and places of work

All Lord Jesus be with us

In our hearts and in our minds

All Lord Jesus be with us

In power and glory

All Lord Jesus be with us

Go in his peace.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn: My worth is not in what I own