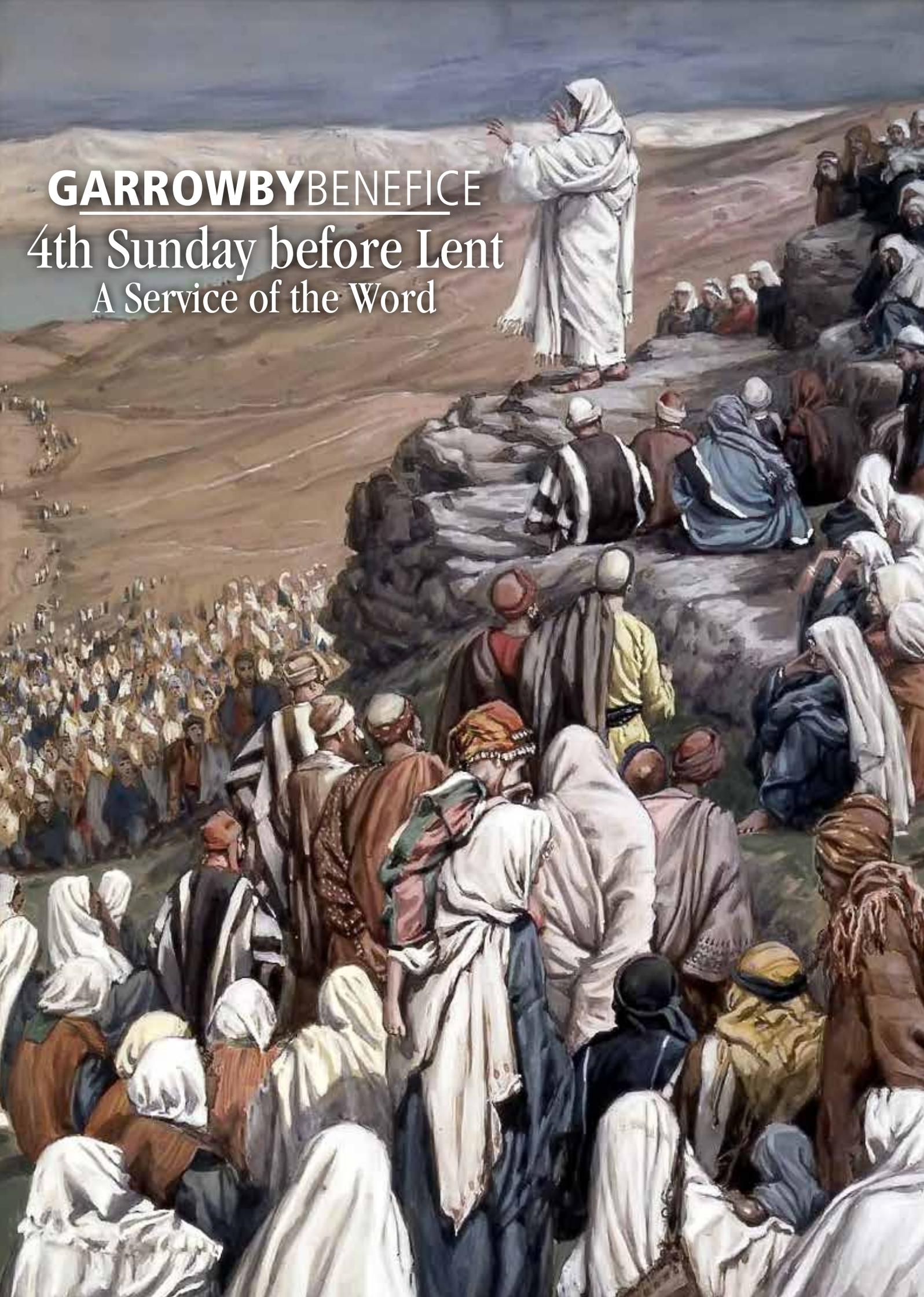


GARROWBYBENEFICE

4th Sunday before Lent

A Service of the Word



INTRODUCTION

Call to worship

Let us worship God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

O God, your loving kindness is better than life itself

All Our lips shall give you praise

So we will bless you as long as we live

All And lift up our hands in your name

We are God's people, how good it is that we have all come – women and men, young and old

All To worship God who creates us

How good it is that we are gathered to meet Jesus Christ, God's living word

All How good it is that we seek together signs of the Holy Spirit

Come let us worship

Hymn: Even if

Wise and Holy One, you are beyond our imagination, beyond our understanding, beyond our humanity; and because you are beyond us, we turn to you for sanctuary, we come to you for protection.

Wise and Holy One, you are not completely beyond our imagination, because Jesus Christ shows us what you are like; you are not completely beyond our understanding because Jesus Christ teaches us the Way; you are not completely beyond our humanity because Jesus Christ is one of us, and because you are beside us, we can walk alongside you as a companion, we can speak honestly to you as a friend, we can keep silence with you as a lover

Wise and Holy One, not completely beyond us, not only beside us but deep within our being. Spirit of God, when we feel confused, help us to make sense of life and offer it to others; when we feel abandoned, help us to know your love and share it with others; when we feel at a loss, help us to rediscover hope and offer it to others; when we fail to love you, help us to know your forgiveness and share it with others; encourage us to leave what is past and travel on, with you and all your people, into your glorious future.

All Amen

Confession

God of justice and freedom, we have heard your commandments and they are a gift to us. Yet we have failed always to live by them.

All For this we are sorry and we turn to you for forgiveness

We have not loved you wholeheartedly.

We have failed to love our neighbours and to love ourselves.

All For this we are sorry and we turn to you for forgiveness

We have not loved our enemies or blessed those who do us harm.

We live in an unjust world, where many are hungry, and there is little peace.

All For this we are sorry and we turn to you for forgiveness

Absolution

Hear the good news! Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died,

And was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away:

See everything has become new!

Receive Gods' forgiveness and be at peace.

All Thanks be to God

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations through Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit on God now and forever.

All Amen.

Hymn: I shall not want

Readings

1 Corinthians 15 1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he

was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 5 1-11

All Glory to you O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Take my life and let it be

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

May the God whose longing is for justice, and whose passion is freedom for all
Strengthen you to work for all that makes for peace:
And the blessing of the living God,
Creator, Redeemer and Spirit
Be with you, now and always.

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve our Saviour and Friend
Thanks be to God
Let us go in love, joy and peace

All Amen

Hymn: I will wait for you