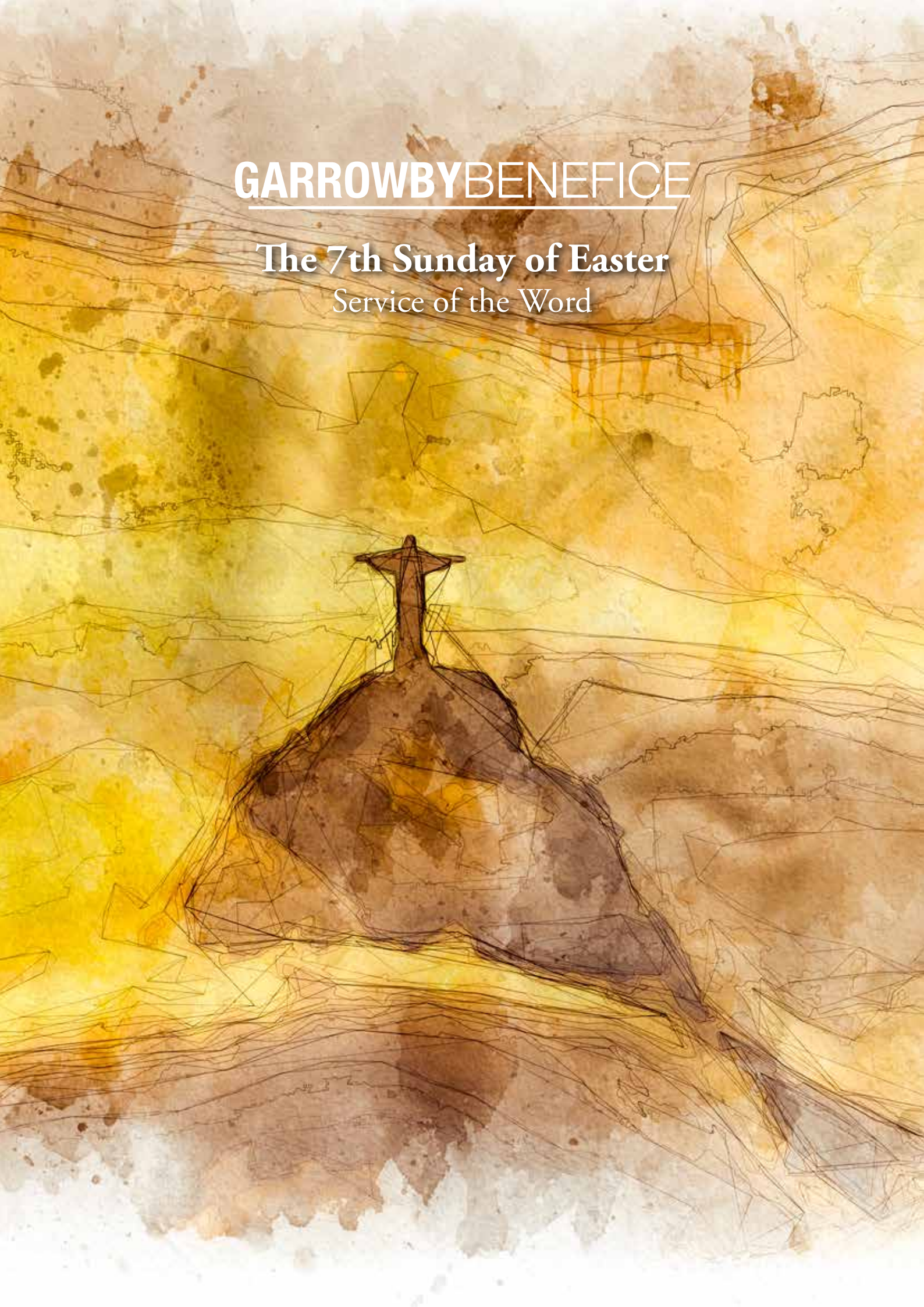


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The 7th Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word



Introduction

We are a chosen people
We are a royal priesthood

**All Sons and daughters of the King,
Heirs and bringers of the kingdom.**

You have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.

All Help us Father to declare your praise

We are a holy nation,

All Set us apart to live for you.

Ambassadors among the nations,

All We are Gods special possession.

What delight you take in us

Help us to take delight in you.

All You have set us apart to receive blessings from on high,

Help us to declare your praise.

Hymn – Be thou my vision

Prayers of Praise

Creator God who loves us more than we can know
Who chose us from the very beginning to be family.

All We praise your holy name

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh,
Who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us,

All We praise your holy name.

Holy Spirit, present and power in our lives
from the moment that we first believed,

All We praise your holy name

Confession

We have come to our Father who knows us inside out,
To pour out our hearts in prayer.

Lord we know that you are faithful to listen,
And are full of compassion,
A friend when the journey gets hard.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,
So we come to you just as we are.
From you no secrets are hidden,
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

When our doubts overwhelm us,
Help us to seek you,
To bring all our questions and fears.
Give us strength to be honest,
You know all our weakness
Lord Jesus you've cried the same tears.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,
So we come to you just as we are.
From you no secrets are hidden,
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

When our prayers seem unanswered
And silence surrounds us,
Then comfort us spirit of truth.
For you will never leave us
And never forsake us
You promise that you'll see us through.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,
So we come to you just as we are.
From you no secrets are hidden,
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

May Almighty God forgive you and renew you in His strength

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son, Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen

Ministry of the Word

The New Testament Reading is Revelation 21 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn – A new commandment

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14 1-14

All Glory to you O Lord

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise be to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: The servant king

Affirmation of Faith

My friends in faith, let us boldly and joyfully proclaim our hope this morning.
What do you believe?

**All Jesus walked out from the grave,
the Lord of life!
He conquered sin and death,
we are now right with God,
we have been given new life
and called to walk with Him in freedom.
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again
Glory to God**

Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God
And God lives in them.
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.**

Closing Words

May we open our eyes to the needs of all. May we be inspired by your words and deeds to show your love to those among whom we live and comfort those who labour and are burdened. May we be faithful to the example of Christ in serving others.

All Let us your Church be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love, today and always.

All Amen

Dismissal

We are children of the same Heavenly Father, let us serve one another as He has served us and may we go in his peace.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Take my life