

GARROWBYBENEFICE

Sunday before Lent
Service of the Word



INTRODUCTION

Praise be to God our Father who through Jesus, has rescued us from the darkness of sin

All May the light of God's love be with us

Praise be to Jesus Christ His son whose light burns brightly in our lives

All Set us apart to live for you

Praise be to the Holy Spirit who equips us for God's mission

All May our hearts be open to receive His inspiration

Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

CONFESSION

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be like salt and light, people who give flavour and meaning to the lives of others. This is our joy and responsibility. Yet we often fail in carrying it out and so we pray

Lord Jesus you came as salt to give new flavour to our lives changing us from self-centeredness to being people for others

All Lord have mercy

Jesus Christ you came as light to overcome darkness and the fear of death

All Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus you entrusted to us the mission to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world

All Lord have mercy

God says, do not hide yourselves from me, rest in peace for you are forgiven.

All Amen

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

ALL Amen

Hymn: I enter the holy of holies

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Peter 1 16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 17 1-9

All Glory to you O Lord

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise be to you O Christ

ADDRESS

Hymn: Salt and Light

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.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Glory to God

PEACE

Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

INTERCESSIONS – *(Between each prayer we sing)*

**All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me**

We end 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

We are the salt of the earth

All Lord sprinkle us across our communities and across our world to bring the flavour of your kingdom wherever we go

We are the light of the world

All Uncover the radiance that is within us to shine the truth of your love wherever we go

Let our light shine before others

All That everyone we meet may see our lives of worship and glorify you our Father in heaven.

All Amen

BLESSING

May your faith rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God

All Amen

May your lives be like salt giving a Christian flavour to all that you do

All Amen

May our parishes be a source of light to all who are searching for God

All Amen

The blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and all whom you live, today and always.

All Amen

DISMISSAL

You are God's people, go now and be witnesses of the gospel

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn: I see the Lord