

GARROWBY BENEFICE

Trinity 20
AGAPE



INTRODUCTION

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people

All Jesus Christ will meet us

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All Let us worship God

Confession and Absolution

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, the first commandment is this “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second commandment is this, Love your neighbour as yourself, there is no other commandment greater than these”

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ we confess that we have sinned in thought word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit’s gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do His will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn: O love that will not let me go

Ministry of the Word

**All May God guide each of us in the way of Christ
Whatever our age or experience
May the love of God speak to us all**

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Music: If you love me

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10 35-45

All Glory to you O Lord

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but

whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Spirit of the living God

Intercessions

Hymn: You are my hiding place

INVITATION

Our Lord Jesus Christ was always the guest. In the homes of many followers. He was always the guest. At the meals of the wealthy, where he pled the case of the poor, He was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, He was always the guest. But here at this table He is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow Him must first be fed by Him. Those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the time when Christ can make us new. So come you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be his guests.

What we do here, we do to remember Jesus. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command, rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

Today we take this bread and this water, the produce of earth and human labour. In our fellowship and in our sharing, Jesus promises to be present, through these Christ can make us whole.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**All HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSSANA IN THE
HIGHEST
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSSANA
IN THE HIGHEST**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.
(silence)

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer. (silence)

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to rest on us and on this bread and water that they may be signs of your Grace converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Jesus first born of Mary

All Have mercy on us

Jesus saviour of the world

All Have mercy on us

Jesus monarch of heaven

All Grant us peace

He whom the universe could not contain is always present to us. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us as friends together as we share bread and water.

(The sharing of the bread and water)

THE PEACE

Christ who has nourished us is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young, He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other.

Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment and one another we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because meeting with you we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven.

All AMEN

BLESSING

Hymn: On Eagles Wings