

# **GARROWBY**BENEFICE

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## Trinity 15 Service of the Word



## Introduction

### Call to worship

Loving and Almighty God,  
Present with us throughout our lives,  
In times of joy and in times of sorrow,  
In times of fulfilment and in times of struggle.  
Make us aware of your presence now as we worship you.  
Draw us together as one family as we worship in our separate places for we  
are one at heart and one in Spirit.  
Give us strength and inspiration as we walk through this strange land and  
strange times.  
May we still sing your praises, voice our questions, cry our grief and know  
that you hold us in our fear and in our joy.

### Hymn: Love Divine

### Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Holy God, Holy and true, faithful and loving,  
**All We praise and adore you.**

Your presence is beyond our understanding.  
Your nature too great for us to grasp.  
And yet you are with us yearning for our good,  
And grieving our hurts.

Lord Jesus Christ, God made one of us,  
**All We praise and adore you.**

You lived our life, knew its struggles and limitations,  
Its possibilities and abundance.  
You laughed and wept with those you loved,  
Through your life, death, and resurrection you bring healing,  
Hope and life in all its fullness.  
Breath of God, Holy Spirit

**All We praise and adore you.**

Present before time began, brooding and midwifing life,  
Your life flows within us and beyond us now, drawing us into worship,  
forming us into one people.

Holy God, faithful and true, three in one,  
**All We praise and adore you now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## Confession

For the things we have said and done, that would have been better not said or done

**All Lord have mercy upon us**

For those things left undone or unsaid that we should have said or done

**All Lord have mercy upon us**

Almighty God, for whom nothing is impossible

You continually work for the abundance of your creation.

Take all that we are and all that we have been,

The times when we have walked in your steps and the times when we have turned away,

Transform and recycle them in your love and for your kingdom.

**All Amen**

## Absolution

In Christ God makes all things new.

Your sins are forgiven.

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## *Hymn: Purify my heart*

### Readings

#### **New Testament James 3 1-12**

##### **Taming the Tongue**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20 1-16**

**All Glory to you O Lord**

### **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

### **Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

## **Sermon**

## **Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty

**All Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, Seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God

Eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

True God from True God,

Begotten not made

Of one being with the Father

**All Through him all things were made**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven

Was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:**

**He suffered death and was buried**

On the third day he rose again

In accordance with the scriptures;

**All He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will know no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All the Lord the giver of life**

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**All With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified**

He has spoken through the prophets

**All We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

***Hymn: Your grace still amazes me***

## Intercessions

### 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 Prayer and Blessing

May the Father's hand keep you from stumbling.  
The footprints of Jesus give you confidence to follow.  
And the fire of the Spirit keep you warm and safe  
In your walk with God this day.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
And the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love  
Today and for evermore.

**All** Amen

***Music: Nobody like you***