

**GARROWBYBENEFICE**

Trinity 8  
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**

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

**All Let us walk his way with joy**

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security

**All Let us walk his way with joy**

Jesus challenges to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose

**All Let us walk his way with joy**

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life

**All Let us walk his way with joy**

### *Hymn: Guide me O thou great redeemer*

All holy God, you call us together to be your holy people, so we join to give you praise for the joy of our creation; for our redemption in Christ and for the empowerment of your Spirit.

Gracious God, fill our hearts with your love and our lives with your glory as we come before you in worship and prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intimate God, we praise you because you know each one of us; the worries that nag us, the achievements we are proud of, the hopes and expectations that we hold, half recognised, in our hearts.

We praise you for what we know of you; the ways in which you have welcomed and met us, your quiet, constant presence in our lives

And we praise you for what we do not yet know; the mysteries of your creation, the questions that baffle us, the wonders of discovery awaiting us.

**All Unknown God, may we be open to meet with you in unexpected ways; discerning your presence in what is strange to us, and seeing the familiar with newly opened eyes. Amen**

## Confession

God of love and mercy, we come before you knowing we are in need of forgiveness.

**All We have sinned against you in our speaking and in our silence; in our thinking and in our thoughtlessness; in our actions and in our inaction.**

**We have sinned against you, in not loving you with our whole heart and soul and strength; in not loving our sisters and brothers in Christ. Grant us O Lord, you forgiveness, restore in us the image of you son, and lead us along the way to your kingdom, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Absolution

O God, your heart is full of mercy. May we hear and trust your word to each of us

“Your sins are forgiven”

May we forgive each other and forgive ourselves

**All Thanks be to God**

## Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## *Hymn: Create in me a clean heart O God*

## New Testament Reading

### Romans 8 26 - end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all

of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13 31-33  
44-52

**All Glory to you O Lord**

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

## **Sermon**

*Hymn: I am the bread of life*

**Intercessions** *We end our intercessions 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.**

## **Blessing**

Let us go out into the world as bringers of love, as makers of peace, as messengers of hope knowing that the blessing of God, the source of life, of Jesus Christ the way to life, and of the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of life, is with us today, tomorrow and forever

**All Amen**

Let us go in love, joy and peace

**All Thanks be to God**

*Hymn: Help and serve the poor and the needy*