

GARROWBYBENEFICE



Lent 3
A Service of the Word

Introduction

Hymn: O Love that will not let me go

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All And also with you

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence
Open our minds to your grace
Open our lips to your praises
Open our hearts to your love
Open our lives to your healing

All And be found among us. Amen

(David Adam)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come seeking forgiveness for all that we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

**All In God there is forgiveness
Loving and all seeing God, forgive us
Where we have fallen short of your image in us
Where we have failed to support one another
And be what we claim to be
Where we have failed to serve you
Where our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love, we ask your
pardon
God forgives us, be at Peace**

Silence

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is the resurrection,
And offers reconciliation for the whole human race

**All We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us, accepted us,
And who sends us into the world**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together:

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

The Old Testament Lesson is the Canticle: A Song of the Bride

All **God makes righteousness and praise**
blossom before all the nations.

- 1 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, ◆
my soul shall exult in my God;
- 2 Who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, ◆
and has covered me with the cloak of integrity,
- 3 As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, ◆
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 4 For as the earth puts forth her blossom, ◆
and as seeds in the garden spring up,

All **So shall God make righteousness and praise** ◆
blossom before all the nations.

- 6 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, ◆
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
- 7 Until her deliverance shines out like the dawn, ◆
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- 8 The nations shall see your deliverance, ◆
and all rulers shall see your glory;
- 9 Then you shall be called by a new name ◆
which the mouth of God will give.
- 10 You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, ◆
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61.10,11; 62.1-3

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

All God makes righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

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Hymn: Inspired by love and anger

The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13 1-9

All Glory to you O Lord

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Hymn: Heaven shall not wait

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ending with

THE LORDS 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.**

Prayer of commitment

All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.

Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.

Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.

In the name of Jesus your living son. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, ground of being, bread of life and spirit of peace
Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed
Now and always

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn: O Lord your tenderness