



# **GARROWBY**BENEFICE

Second Sunday before Lent  
Service of the Word

## INTRODUCTION

*Hymn: You laid aside your majesty*

## OPENING SENTENCE:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His glories never end. They are new every morning.

## PRAYERS OF PRAISE

New every morning is your love great God of Light, and all day long you are working for good in the world

**All Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbours and all creation, and to devote each day to your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father, word of life  
When we treat our words lightly  
When we are partial and prejudiced  
When our words inflame rather than bring peace

**All Lord have mercy**

When we fail to tame our tongues  
And our words are not filled with grace and love  
When we praise you, yet insult our brothers  
When our words wound and corrupt

**All Lord have mercy**

When our words are proud and self-seeking  
When we convey envy and ambition  
instead of mercy and sincerity  
When our humour is hurtful instead of joyful

**All Lord have mercy**

Grant us that heavenly wisdom,  
That we might live as your people,  
That we might bring peace and harvest righteousness.

**All And see your Kingdom come**

Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and lead us into the way of righteousness.

**All Amen.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reign supreme over all things.

**All Amen**

## READINGS

### A reading from Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come."

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## *Hymn: Still in Control*

### **GOSPEL**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 8 22-25**

**All Glory to you O Lord**

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

### **ADDRESS**

## *Hymn: Far too wonderful*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are God's work of art, each one of us a precious gem, a marvellous melody, a potter's delight

**All We are God's handiwork, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty**

We are the church of Jesus Christ, diverse in human qualities but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves

**All We are the body of Christ, living in His truth, sharing His Peace, carrying His hope, embodying His love throughout the world He loves so much**

We should remind ourselves once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about

**All We are uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are by the power of God working in and amongst us. We open ourselves to God who makes all things new.**

## PEACE

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** And also with you

## INTERCESSIONS *(ending 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.

**Hymn: Is he worthy?**

## CLOSING WORDS

As we leave this time of worship, while so much of the road ahead is uncertain and the path constantly changing

**All** We know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet and the sky above our heads

We know God is love

**All** We know Christ's light endures

We know the Holy Spirit is there found in the spaces between all things

**All** Closer to us than our next breath and binding us to each other until we meet again

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**All Amen**

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

**All Amen**

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**All Amen**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, guard you, save you, and bring you home to be with Him in the joy of His presence and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you, your homes, and all whom you love today and always

**All Amen**

## **DISMISSAL**

With love and compassion

**All Lord Jesus be with us**

In our homes and places of work

**All Lord Jesus be with us**

In our hearts and in our minds

**All Lord Jesus be with us**

In power and glory

**All Lord Jesus be with us**

Go in his peace.

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn: My worth is not in what I own***