

GARROWBYBENEFICE

3rd Sunday before Lent
A Service of the Word



INTRODUCTION

Monastic Bell and Come Holy Ghost

Hidden God we worship you.
By ourselves, we could not know you;
No human wisdom can discover you,
No argument lead to you, no enterprise reveal you,
In the wealth of its knowledge the world fails to find you.

**All But you came to search for us
In the frailty of a human life;
You trusted yourself to the fragile faith
Of wandering disciples.**

We praise you that in our very weakness
We can know you;
That stumbling blocks become stepping stones,
And the foolishness of the cross
the very truth that quickens us to life.

All Hidden God we worship you.

Confession

We confess O God that we breathe the proud spirit of the world
The spirit which scorns the way of weakness,
Boasts of its cleverness,
Clings to knowledge as a means of power,
And seeks to prove its worth by belittling others.

**All Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy**

Hidden God your wisdom unsettles our values,
And compels our love.
Fill us with a desire to search for your truth,
That being content to be fools for Christs' sake,
We may transform the world.

**All Give us eyes to see as you see, that we may follow your way
of truth and righteousness.**

Collect

Almighty God, who can alone bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Hymn: The Lord is my salvation

Readings

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Be still in the presence of the Lord - Chorus

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 6 17-26**

All Glory to you O Lord

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Lead me Lord

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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 sentences

Hidden God we commend ourselves to your keeping,
And thank you for new strength given to us this morning

**All Grant that our hearts may continue in the peace and rest
we have found in worshipping you.
Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Blessing

Go in peace and may God himself, the God of peace, make you Holy
through and through, and keep you sound in spirit, soul and body and the
blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, now and
always.

All Amen

Hymn: Lord of Eternity