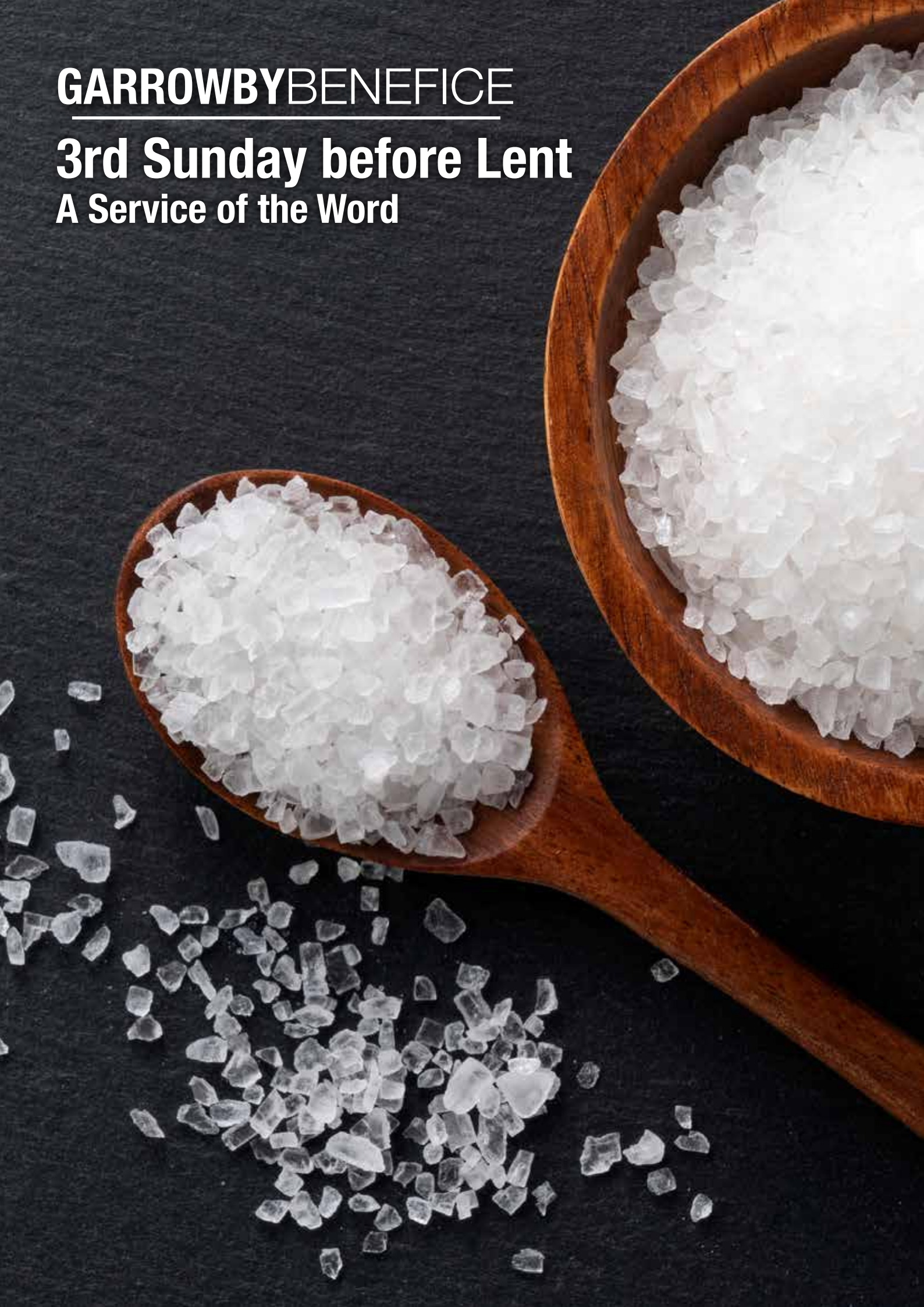


GARROWBYBENEFICE

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 2 1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him' —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 Matthew 5 13-20

All Glory to you O Lord

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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