

# GARROWBYBENEFICE

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Service of the Word

## **Hymn – Be thou my vision**

### **Introduction**

We are a chosen people  
We are a royal priesthood

**All Sons and daughters of the King,  
Heirs and bringers of the kingdom.**

You have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.

**All Help us Father to declare your praise**

We are a holy nation,

**All Set us apart to live for you.**

Ambassadors among the nations,

**All We are Gods special possession.**

What delight you take in us  
Help us to take delight in you.

**All You have set us apart to receive blessings from on high,**

Help us to declare your praise.

### **Opening sentence:**

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them,  
bear much fruit” John 15

### **Prayers of Praise**

Creator God who loves us more than we can know  
Who chose us from the very beginning to be family.

**All We praise your holy name**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh,  
Who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us,

**All We praise your holy name**

Holy Spirit, present and power in our lives  
from the moment that we first believed,

**All We praise your holy name**

## Confession

We have come to our Father who knows us inside out,  
To pour out our hearts in prayer.  
Lord we know that you are faithful to listen,  
And are full of compassion,  
A friend when the journey gets hard.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,  
So we come to you just as we are.  
From you no secrets are hidden,  
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

When our doubts overwhelm us,  
Help us to seek you,  
To bring all our questions and fears.  
Give us strength to be honest,  
You know all our weakness  
Lord Jesus you've cried the same tears.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,  
So we come to you just as we are.  
From you no secrets are hidden,  
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

When our prayers seem unanswered  
And silence surrounds us,  
Then comfort us spirit of truth.  
For you will never leave us  
And never forsake us  
You promise that you'll see us through.

**All For to you all hearts are laid open,  
So we come to you just as we are.  
From you no secrets are hidden,  
So in worship we'll bring you everything.**

May Almighty God forgive you and renew you in His strength

***MUSIC – I will enter the Holy of Holies***

## Collect

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen**

## Ministry of the Word

1 John 4 7-end

### God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel

Alleluia

**All Alleluia**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty

**All Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15 1-8

### **Jesus the True Vine**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise be to you O Christ**

## Address

***Hymn: Christians let us love one another***

## Affirmation of Faith

My friends in faith, let us boldly and joyfully proclaim our hope this morning. What do you believe?

**All Jesus walked out from the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death, we are now right with God, we have been given new life and called to walk with Him in freedom.**

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again**

Glory to God

## Intercessions

The response to “You are the vine, we are the branches” is “May we bear the fruits of love”

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God  
And God lives in them.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Closing words

May we open our eyes to the needs of all. May we be inspired by your words and deeds to show your love to those among whom we live and comfort those who labour and are burdened. May we be faithful to the example of Christ in serving others.

**All Let us your Church be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new.**

## Blessing

Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to stay connected to you each day and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love, today and always.

**All Amen**

## Dismissal

We are children of the same Heavenly Father, let us serve one another as He has served us and may we go in his peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn: Take my life***