

GARROWBY BENEFICE

Lent 5
Passion Sunday

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Introduction

Call to worship

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains but a single grain. But if it dies, it yields much fruit” John 12, 24

Lord, we have joined together for common worship. Yet each of us has brought something different to this service. Some of us have come with happiness and gratitude and want to give thanks. Some have come with sadness and disappointment and need to be comforted and encouraged. Some have come with guilt and confusion and seek to be forgiven or redirected. Some have come with no particular feeling at all and need to be challenged and helped to see the truth.

**All Help us Lord to hear your voice during this time of worship that our needs may be met in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hymn: Be still my soul

A Passiontide Responsoy

Lord God you carried the cross of love up the hill to Calvary

All We are called to remember that road

We wish to have fellowship with you in your sorrow, that through your suffering we may have strength and peace

All Help us to be strong that we may never betray you as Judas did or deny you as Peter did

We remember how they spat upon you, how they mocked you and how they pierced your hands and feet

All We remember how you quietly prayed, Father forgive them for they know not what they do

During Passiontide may we too learn the meaning of forgiveness so that we may learn to love you as you love us.

All Amen

Confession and Absolution

Forgive us Lord for being afraid. We have been afraid of going the second mile. We have been afraid to return good for evil. We have been afraid to let love rule in our relationships with others. We have been afraid to surrender ourselves to your will.

All Forgive us Lord and help us to realise that we cannot truly follow you until we permit your Spirit to remove all fear from our minds, replacing it with your peace and hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord

All Amen

Collect

Gracious Father you gave up your Son out of love for the world. Lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviours blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31 31-34

A New Covenant

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 12 20-33**

All Glory to you O Lord

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

Jesus Speaks about His Death

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Song: I will sing of my redeemer

Sermon

Intercessions

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.

Hymn: Lord Jesus think on me

Affirmation of Faith

All We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen

from the United Methodist Hymnal

Closing Prayer

We have gathered today Lord God as your people to offer you our sacrifice of prayer and worship. We have fed on your word, been refreshed through your living water, felt the encircling of your Spirit around our gathering and our individual lives. As we live out our day may we continue to know your presence and power in the very different lives that we lead, to your praise and glory.

All Amen

Blessing

May the Father who so loved the world that he gave his only Son bring you by faith to His eternal life

May Christ who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will keep you steadfast as you walk with Him the way of His cross

May the Spirit who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share His glory set your minds on life and peace

And the blessing of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this Passiontide and always.

All Amen

Song: the music of "Be still my soul" moving into "Christ will hold me fast"