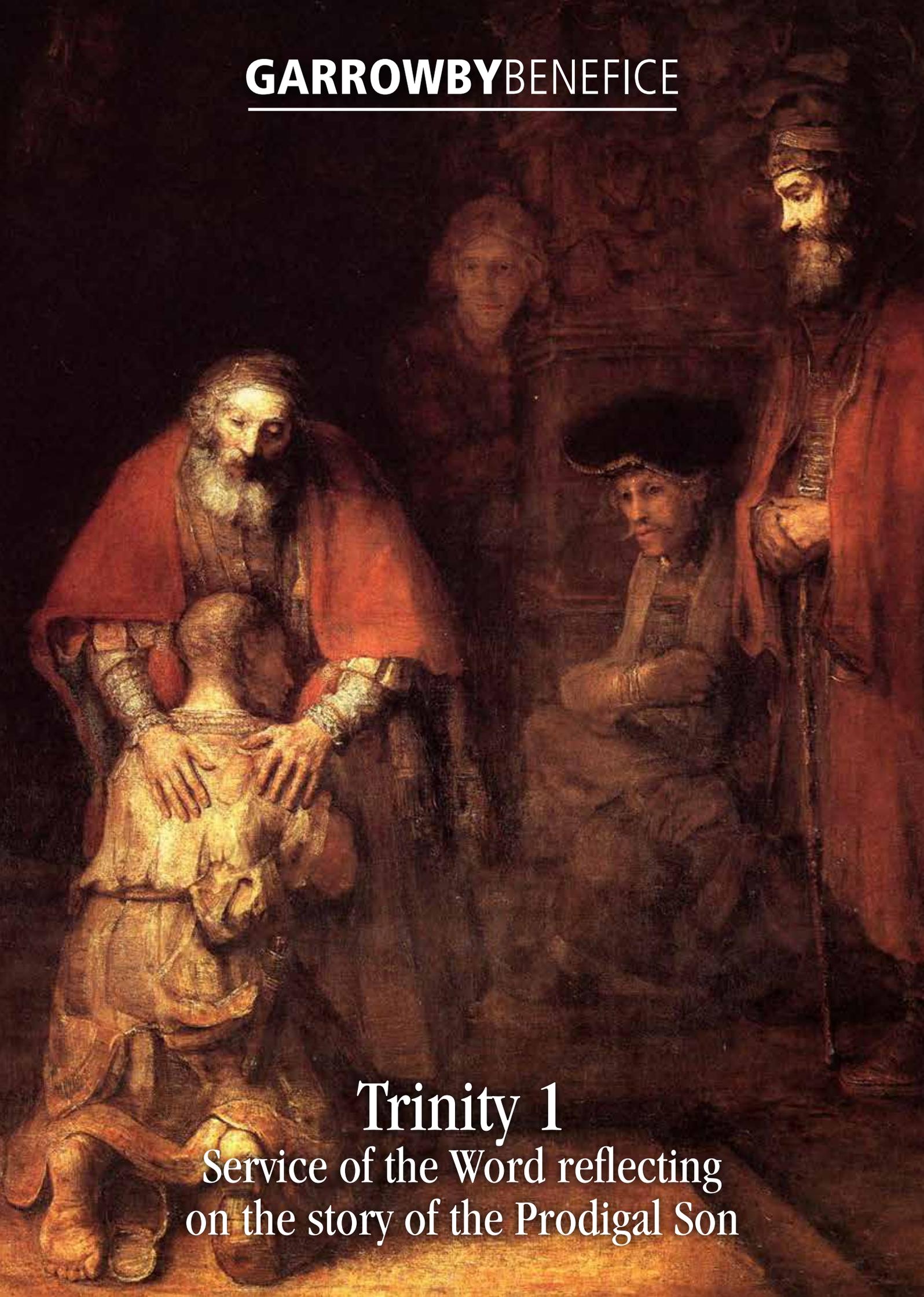


GARROWBY BENEFICE



Trinity 1

Service of the Word reflecting
on the story of the Prodigal Son

Hymn: O love that will not let me go

INTRODUCTION

OPENING SENTENCE:

“There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still” therefore “Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love”

Quotes by Corrie Ten Boom and Mother Theresa

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.

All Amen

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek His forgiveness our sins are forgiven. God says “I forgive you and I love you unconditionally”

Music: Father I have sinned (the prodigal son song)

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us
As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him

Psalm 103 vs12

Your sins are forgiven

COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging, enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love that we may truly worship you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen

READINGS

Romans 5 1-8

Results of Justification

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you O Lord**

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am

no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

ADDRESS

Hymn: Give thanks with a grateful heart

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

God says *"This child of mine was dead and is alive again; was lost and is found"*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

INTERCESSIONS

Hymn: When I look into your holiness

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 Jesus my saviour