

# GARROWBY BENEFICE

## Trinity 15 Service of the Word





## Introduction

### Call to worship

Loving and Almighty God,  
Present with us throughout our lives,  
In times of joy and in times of sorrow,  
In times of fulfilment and in times of struggle.  
Make us aware of your presence now as we worship you.  
Draw us together as one family as we worship in our separate places for we  
are one at heart and one in Spirit.  
Give us strength and inspiration as we walk through this strange land and  
strange times.  
May we still sing your praises, voice our questions, cry our grief and know  
that you hold us in our fear and in our joy.

### Hymn: Love Divine

### Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Holy God, Holy and true, faithful and loving,  
**All We praise and adore you.**

Your presence is beyond our understanding.  
Your nature too great for us to grasp.  
And yet you are with us yearning for our good,  
And grieving our hurts.

Lord Jesus Christ, God made one of us,  
**All We praise and adore you.**

You lived our life, knew its struggles and limitations,  
Its possibilities and abundance.  
You laughed and wept with those you loved,  
Through your life, death, and resurrection you bring healing,  
Hope and life in all its fullness.  
Breath of God, Holy Spirit

**All We praise and adore you.**

Present before time began, brooding and midwifing life,  
Your life flows within us and beyond us now, drawing us into worship,  
forming us into one people.

Holy God, faithful and true, three in one,  
**All We praise and adore you now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## Confession

For the things we have said and done, that would have been better not said or done

**All Lord have mercy upon us**

For those things left undone or unsaid that we should have said or done

**All Lord have mercy upon us**

Almighty God, for whom nothing is impossible

You continually work for the abundance of your creation.

Take all that we are and all that we have been,

The times when we have walked in your steps and the times when we have turned away,

Transform and recycle them in your love and for your kingdom.

**All Amen**

## Absolution

In Christ God makes all things new.

Your sins are forgiven.

## Hymn: Purify my heart

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## Readings

### **New Testament Philippians 1 verses 21 – end**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with

one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20 1-16**

**All Glory to you O Lord**

### **The Labourers in the Vineyard**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

## **Sermon**

## Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty

**All Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, Seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God

Eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

True God from True God,

Begotten not made

Of one being with the Father

**All Through him all things were made**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven

Was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:**

**He suffered death and was buried**

On the third day he rose again

In accordance with the scriptures;

**All He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will know no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**All the Lord the giver of life**

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**All With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified**

He has spoken through the prophets

**All We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Hymn: Your grace still amazes me*

## Intercessions

## **The Lord's 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.

## **Closing Prayer and Blessing**

May the Father's hand keep you from stumbling.  
The footprints of Jesus give you confidence to follow.  
And the fire of the Spirit keep you warm and safe  
In your walk with God this day.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
And the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love  
Today and for evermore.

**All** Amen

***Music: Nobody like you***