



GARROWBY BENEFICE

Trinity 16
Holy Communion

Introduction

Hymn: Meekness and majesty

The Lord is here

All His spirit is with us

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence

Open our minds to your grace

Open our lips to your praises

Open our hearts to your love

Open our lives to your healing

All And be found among us. Amen

(David Adam)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Knowing you are here among us, we bring before you our failure to love you, one another and ourselves.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness

All Loving and all seeing God, forgive us

When we have fallen short of your image in us

When we have failed to support one another

And be what we claim to be

When we have failed to serve you

When our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love,

When we fail to see ourselves as you see us

And love ourselves as you love us

We ask your pardon

Almighty and loving Father, forgive us, and help us to be at Peace

Silence

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is with us through His Spirit

Through Him we live and move and have our being.

All We are one in Christ and one in our life together.

Praise be to the God the Father who has created us, praise be to the

Holy Spirit who lives within us and praise be to Jesus Christ who

welcomes us as his friends and who sends us into the world

Sung Gloria

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise You, we bless You
We adore You, we glorify You
We give You thanks,
For Your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us**

**For You alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill**

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

All Amen

Readings

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together

All **May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
May the love of God speak to us all**

A reading from Philippians 2 1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew 21 23-32

All Glory to you O Lord

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

THE CREED

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**All We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**All fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

**All Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;

**All truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**All The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the lifegiver.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Hymn: Every knee shall bow

Abiding

We gather to celebrate life, the life of God in the world, made flesh and blood in Jesus, embodied in us.

We come to remember the body that was broken, the hands that touched the untouchables, healed the hurting and did no violence, the feet that got dusty along city streets and at the lake's shore, the arms that welcomed the stranger and embraced the outcast, the eyes that blazed against injustice, knew how to cry and saw the potential in everyone, the lips that wove stories and painted pictures of a new community and a better world.

All This blessed body that was broken, abused and rejected, we come to remember, for we are called to be the body of Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

May God be with you

All And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Ground of Being, great I AM, your breath sweeps through the universe bringing life to life.

We praise you for your energy and your intention for all creation.

In Jesus you displayed your love, made known your wisdom, and called us to yourself.

You wait and weep and sorrow as we prefer self-interest over all that is good, for us, for others and for our world.

Yet reaching out with open arms you draw us to yourself revealing the strength of love where we see only weakness.

And so with all who, through time, in our time and for all time rejoice in your being,

We join our voices in a song of endless praise

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus the bread of life. On the night he was betrayed he took a loaf of bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper saying This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Blessed is Jesus the bread of life

**All Dying you destroyed death, rising you restored life
Come to us Lord Jesus**

Be with us now, breathe your spirit upon us. Help us to grow in Christ, and be the breath of love in our being and becoming. Call us to Christ like living serving one another in our community and in the world.

All Amen

John Schofield

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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

This broken bread we share is the body of Christ

All A sign of all we live and risk together as the community of Christ

The cup we drink is the wine of the kingdom of God

All A sign of God's undertaking for the life of the world

We eat this bread and drink this wine holding in our hearts all whom we serve and love.

Prayer of commitment

All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.

Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.

Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.

In the name of Jesus your living son. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
May he stand with you to give you courage and comfort
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed
Now and always

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn: Take my life and let it be