



GARROWBY BENEFICE

Trinity 17
Service of the Word

Introduction

Hymn: My song is love unknown

OPENING SENTENCE

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His glories never end. They are new every morning.

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.

Amen

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Heavenly Father, word of life
When we treat our words lightly
When we are partial and prejudiced
When our words inflame rather than bring peace

All Lord have mercy

When we fail to tame our tongues
And our words are not filled with grace and love
When we praise you, yet insult our brothers
When our words wound and corrupt

All Lord have mercy

When our words are proud and self-seeking
When we convey envy and ambition
instead of mercy and sincerity
When our humour is hurtful instead of joyful

All Lord have mercy

Grant us that heavenly wisdom,
That we might live as your people,
That we might bring peace and harvest righteousness.

All And see your Kingdom come

Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and lead us into the way of righteousness.

All Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you; pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.

All Amen

READINGS

A reading from **Philippians 3 4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21 33-end
All Glory to you O Lord

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you O Christ

ADDRESS

Hymn: Jesus you are changing me

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

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

INTERCESSIONS ending with

The Lord's Prayer

**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: I will sing of my redeemer

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: Great is thy faithfulness