



GARROWBY BENEFICE

Trinity 2
Service of the Word

Introduction *(based on Psalm 29)*

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord, glory and strength

All Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendour

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters

All The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire

All The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness

The voice of the Lord causes the earth to shake and in God's temple all shall say glory

All The Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to us, the people of God.

May the Lord bless the whole world with peace.

Hymn: Love divine

Confession and Absolution

What began in God and was accomplished in Jesus Christ is now made present by the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord. For this reason we come to God with penitent hearts and make our confession.

Merciful Lord, faithful Christ and sending Spirit; you have come to us during the night and when we least expect it.

All You have made us whole time and time again. We have failed to love you, know you, and bear witness to your grace.

Forgive us God and celebrate your presence in our hearts once more.

All Create for us works to do, people to love, and words to speak.

Remind us of your holy ministry to the lost and lonely, barren and broken and join us together as one as we look forward to resurrection and new life now and in the world to come.

God has forgiven us, we can dwell in peace.

All Amen

Collect

Lord you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son, Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All Amen

Ministry of the word

Be still, listen and know that God is here.

All Be still, listen and know that God is near.

Let us listen to the word of God: Ezekiel 17 22-end

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: My God is still in control

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All **Glory to you O Lord**

Gospel: Mark 4 26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

The Use of Parables

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

Statement of Faith

All **We believe in one God in whom there are three persons really, truly and eternally distinct Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin and source of all things visible as well as invisible. The Son is the word, the wisdom and the image of the Father. The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. There is neither a first nor a last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy. Amen**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is waiting

Intercessions

Closing words and Blessing

Lord make us bearers of the hope which your gospel has implanted in us. Make us instruments of your peace, so that our homes and communities, parishes and churches, may live more fully in the peace you have long desired to give us and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always.

All Amen

Hymn: Be still my soul