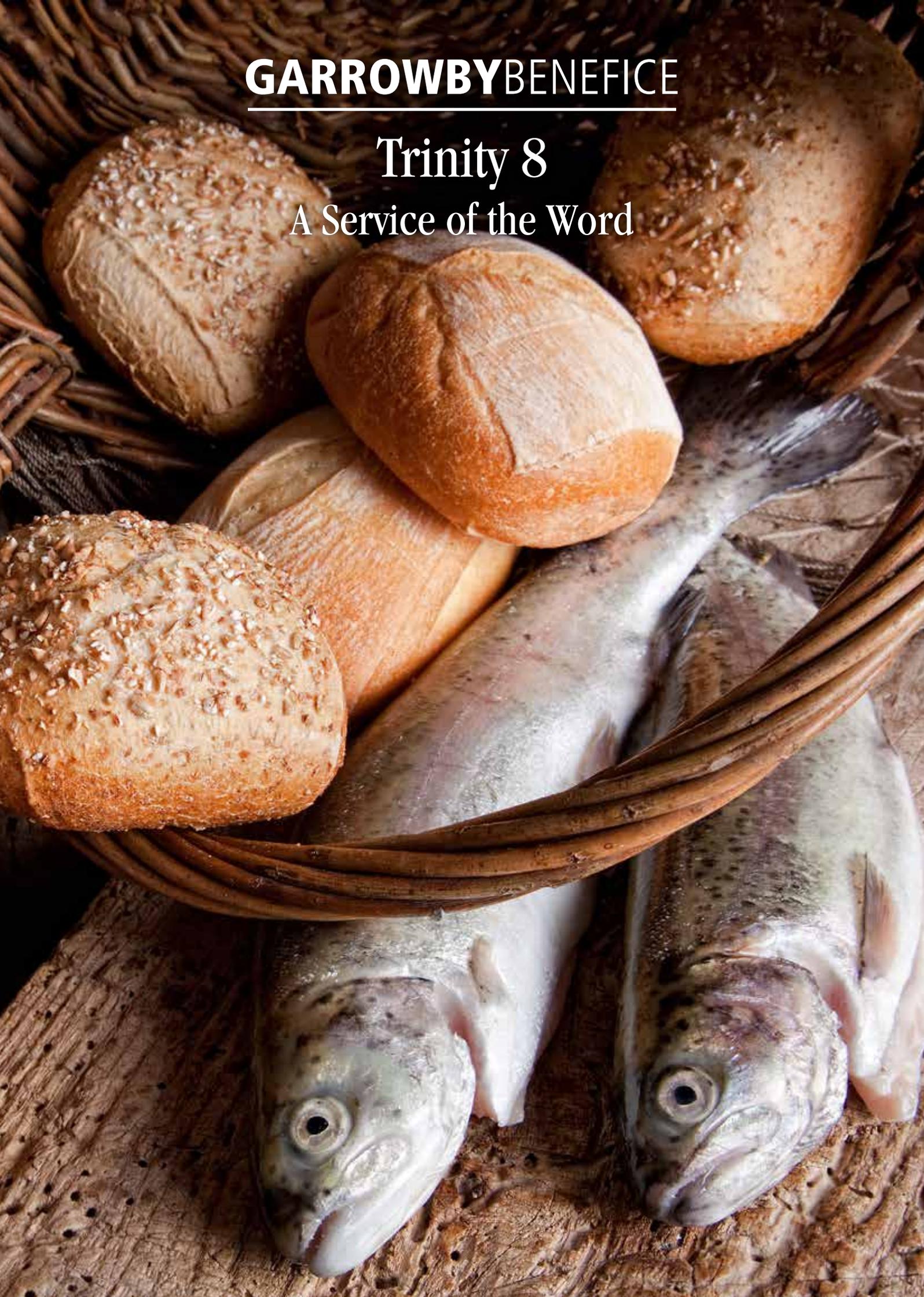


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Trinity 8

A Service of the Word



INTRODUCTION

Call to worship

Let us worship God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

All Let us walk his way with joy

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security

All Let us walk his way with joy

Jesus challenges to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose

All Let us walk his way with joy

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life

All Let us walk his way with joy

Hymn: Guide me O thou great redeemer

All holy God, you call us together to be your holy people, so we join to give you praise for the joy of our creation; for our redemption in Christ and for the empowerment of your Spirit.

Gracious God, fill our hearts with your love and our lives with your glory as we come before you in worship and prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intimate God, we praise you because you know each one of us; the worries that nag us, the achievements we are proud of, the hopes and expectations that we hold, half recognised, in our hearts.

We praise you for what we know of you; the ways in which you have welcomed and met us, your quiet, constant presence in our lives

And we praise you for what we do not yet know; the mysteries of your creation, the questions that baffle us, the wonders of discovery awaiting us.

All Unknown God, may we be open to meet with you in unexpected ways; discerning your presence in what is strange to us, and seeing the familiar with newly opened eyes. Amen

Confession

God of love and mercy, we come before you knowing we are in need of forgiveness.

All We have sinned against you in our speaking and in our silence; in our thinking and in our thoughtlessness; in our actions and in our inaction.

We have sinned against you, in not loving you with our whole heart and soul and strength; in not loving our sisters and brother sin Christ. Grant us O Lord, you forgiveness, restore in us the image of you son, and lead us along the way to your kingdom, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

O God, your heart is full of mercy. May we hear and trust your word to each of us

“Your sins are forgiven”

May we forgive each other and forgive ourselves

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Create in me a clean heart O God

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3 14 – end

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6 1-21

All **Glory to you O Lord**

Feeding the Five Thousand

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn: I am the bread of life

Intercessions

We end our intercessions with 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.

Blessing

Let us go out into the world as bringers of love, as makers of peace, as messengers of hope knowing that the blessing of God, the source of life, of Jesus Christ the way to life, and of the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of life, is with us today, tomorrow and forever

All Amen

Let us go in love, joy and peace

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Help and serve the poor and the needy