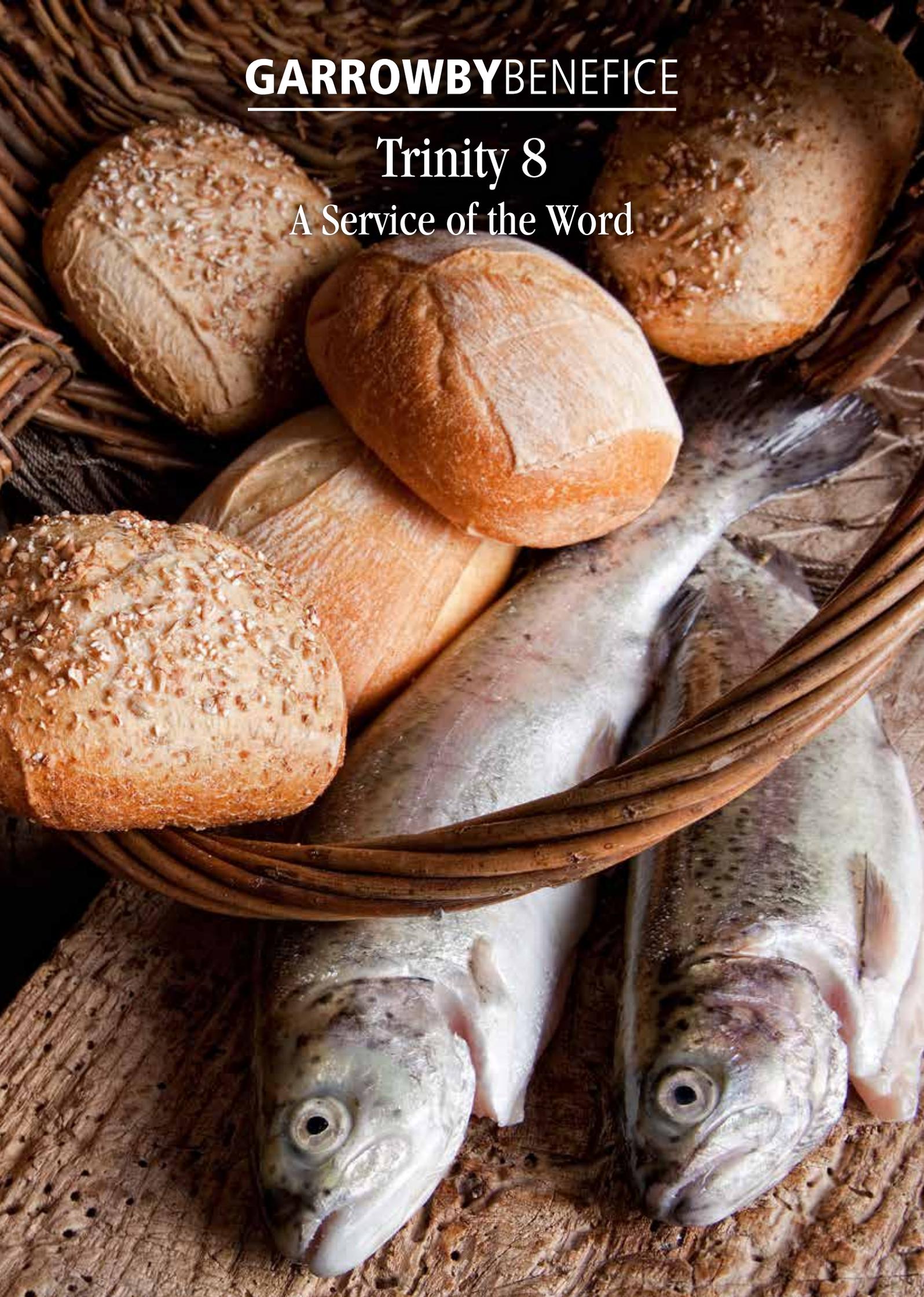


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Trinity 8 A Service of the Word



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: I am the bread of life

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

Eternal God, who longs for us to know all good things and to walk along a peaceful path, open the eyes of hearts that we may see the way to life, open our ears that we may hear the truth, open our lips that we may praise you, this day and all our days, in Jesus name.

All Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 55, 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you O Lord

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

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.**

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