



GARROWBY BENEFICE

Second Sunday before Advent

A Service of the Word

Introduction

The Gathering

From beginning to end, from alpha to omega God's people gather together in praise

All Glory and praise to God

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same God cares for His people

All Glory and praise to God

From sadness to joy, from death to life, God walks with His people

All Glory and praise to God, whose love for us is beyond our understanding

Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness

Prayers of Praise

Glory to you O God, your Spirit brooded over the face of the waters. Your word called forth creation, your breath brought life to women and men

All And it was good

Glory to you O God, your graceful rainbow stretched across the heavens, your cloud led the people through the wilderness, your prophets proclaimed your ways

All And it was good

Glory to you O God, your love brought Christ to birth, your love led Christ to the cross, your love raised Christ from the tomb

All And it was good

Glory to you O God, your son ascended in glory, your Spirit came like wind and fire, your grace gave birth to a new community

All And it was good

Glory to you O God, your love has called us to worship you, your Spirit leads us into new things, your call sends us on

All Glory and praise to God

Confession

If we have lost our vision of your ways, Lord forgive us and renew us

All Lord have mercy

If we have closed our ears and failed to heed your call, Lord forgive us and renew us

All Christ have mercy

If we have been fearful of new things, reluctant to step into the unknown,
Lord forgive us and renew us

All Lord have mercy

If we have forgotten the joy of the gospel and do not trust in your peace,
Lord forgive us and renew us

All Christ have mercy

Silence

May the living God renew your vision, give you victory over sin, and set you
free through His forgiveness. Amen

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed son was revealed to destroy the works of
the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life; grant
that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that
when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in
his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen

New Testament Reading | Thessalonians 5 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they
say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come
upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there
will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and
love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not
for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you
are doing.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Sing Alleluia to the Lord

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25 14-30

All Glory to you O Lord

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: My worth is not in what I own

Intercessions ending with

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.

Peace

In Christ the people of God are called together in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you

Closing Prayer

We have brought the gift of ourselves, sung our hymns and remembered our God

As we go into the world, help us to live our lives and grow into the people you wish us to be so that we may share, give, bless and help, through Jesus Christ our friend and saviour.

All Amen

Blessing

May God's joy be in our hearts, may God's peace be in our world and may God's love be known between us and the blessing of God Almighty, father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever.

All Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: How can I keep from singing?