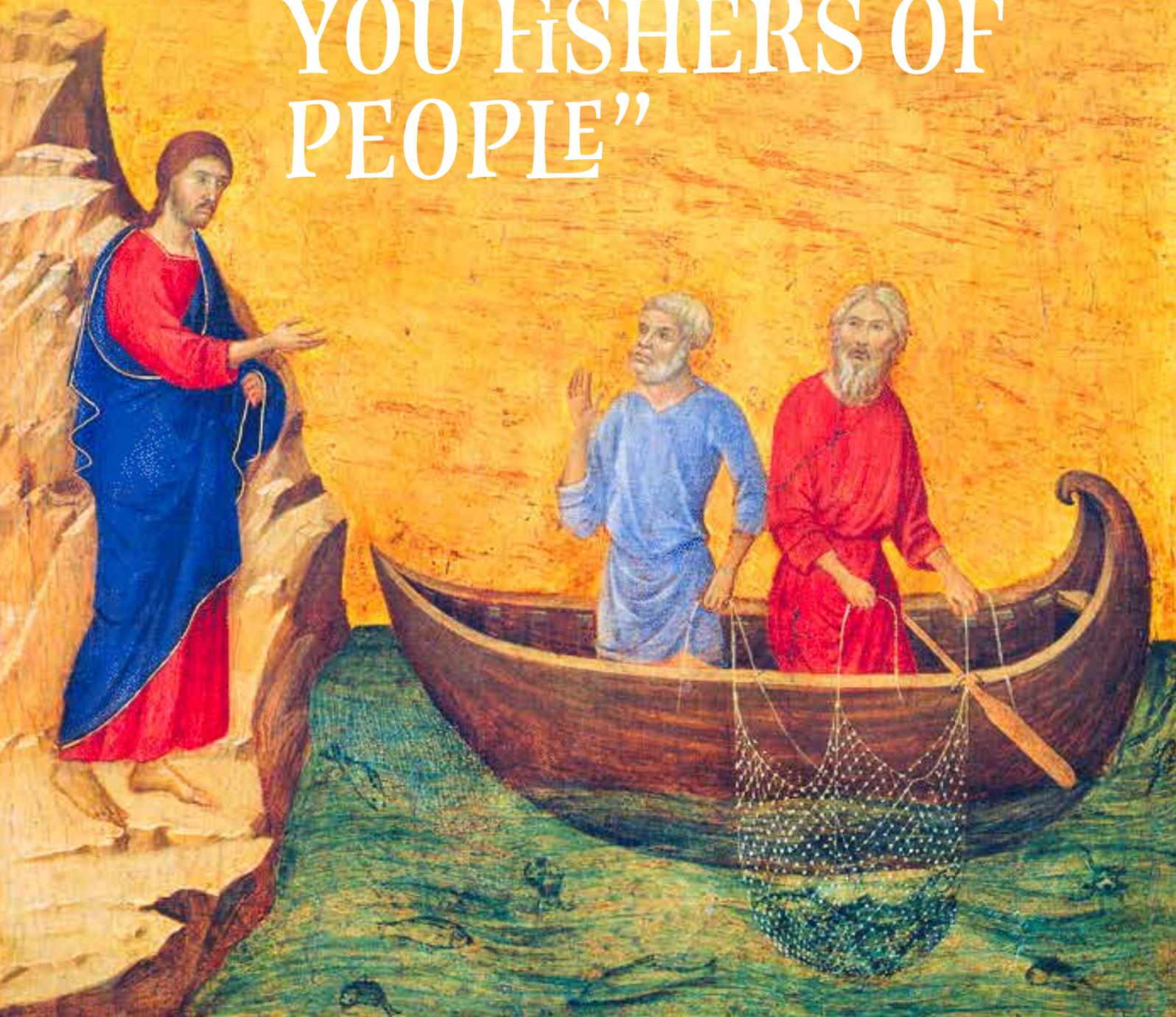


GARROWBY BENEFICE

Third Sunday Before Advent
Service of the Word

“FOLLOW ME AND
I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF
PEOPLE”



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.

All Amen

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will it is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of all those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All Amen

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9 24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1 14-20

All **Glory to you O Lord**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn: My worth is not in what I own

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**

Intercessions

The response to *Speak Lord* is *Your servants are listening*

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.**

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?