

GARROWBYBENEFICE

Advent 4: A Service of the Word



Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel

INTRODUCTION

Mary said “Hear am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word”

Mary committed herself willingly to co-operate with Gods plan. This is an important message for us. She was not overwhelmed and made to do what God wanted; but rather she chose to co-operate. She was a willing servant – Hear am I, the servant of the Lord. God allowed her freedom and she consented positively – let it be to me according to your word.

Mary’s readiness to serve God in His way can be an inspiration for us. She was there at the end when it seemed hopeless.

Today, especially, God needs servants who can be relied upon to be there when it counts in loyalty to Christ, and that includes loyalty to his body, the church.

Hymn Tell out, my soul

Greeting

We meet in the name of God:
God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Spirit:

All God is one.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Come let us serve the Lord with Gladness

All And come before his presence with singing

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord

All Let us exalt his name forever

Confession

Heavenly Father,
you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
Who in Jesus Christ has given us
A kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
Forgive you your sins,
Open your eyes to God's truth,
Strengthen you to do God's will
And give you the joy of his kingdom,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Ring

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.

All Amen.

Collect

Eternal God,
As Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
So we wait for his coming in glory;
Bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
To see, with her, our great salvation
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy Of The Word

During Advent, we look to Mary who, by following God's will, gave birth to Jesus. We pray now the words of her great song of praise, which she spoke in the presence of the angel upon learning that she would be the Mother of our Saviour.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

All For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

All From this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

All He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm;

All He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

All He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

All The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Gospel Reading – Luke 1: 26-38

Glory to you O Lord

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the

angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Song: Be Born in Me

Address

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family
In heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith,
And fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us
With power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Peace

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn; The Angel Gabriel

Intercessions (ending with)

All **The Lords' Prayer**
Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who 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.

With love and compassion,

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,

All **Come, Lord Jesus..**

In power and glory,

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
And make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and upon all those whom you love,
This Advent and for ever.

All **Amen**

As we await our coming Saviour,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

All **Amen**

Song *Mary did you know*