



**GARROWBY BENEFICE**

Epiphany  
Service of the Word

## Welcome

### *Hymn: Little Drummer Boy*

## Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting, your name is proclaimed in all the world**

The glory of the Lord be with you

**All The Lord bless you**

**All Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christchild: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journeys end in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## Call to worship

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory for ever! As gold in the furnace is tried and purified seven times in the fire so purify our hearts and minds that we may be a royal priesthood acceptable in the service of our kingdom

**All Blessed be God forever**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory for ever! As our prayer rises up in your presence as incense, so may we be presented before you with penitent hearts and uplifted hands to offer ourselves in your priestly service

**All Blessed be God forever**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe: to you be praise and glory for ever! As you give medicine to heal our sickness and the leaves of the tree of life for the healing of the nations, so anoint us with your healing power that we may be the first fruits of your new creation

**All Blessed be God forever**



## Confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own (*based on Titus 2 11-14*)

Let us confess our sins (a moment of quiet to reflect on our lives)

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us:

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

Make your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

You Lord have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all sins that you may behold the glory of His Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journeys end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## Readings

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together

**All**    **May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,  
whatever our age or experience.  
May the love of God speak to us all**

### **A reading from Isaiah 60 1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**All**    **Thanks be to God**

## *Hymn: We three kings*

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew

#### **All    Glory to you O Lord**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the gospel of the Lord

#### **All    Praise to you O Christ**

## *Hymn: Hills of the North Rejoice*

### **Sermon**

## *Hymn: God rest ye merry gentlemen*

## 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.**

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**All** **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives  
with his joy and peace.

**All** **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all  
whom you love, today and always.

**All** **Amen.**

***Hymn: Joy to the world***