

GARROWBY BENEFICE

Trinity 12

Agape



Hymn: Goodness of God

INTRODUCTION

Call to Worship

'I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth'

All Out of the darkness came light

And the power of God was revealed
In the running wave and the flowing air
In the quiet earth and the shining stars.

All Out of the dust came life

And the image of God was revealed
In the human frame and the gentle heart
In the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.

All Out of justice came freedom

And the wisdom of God was revealed
In the need to grow and the power to choose.

All And God looked at creation

And behold it was very good.

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Continually be in my mouth'**

Prayer of Adoration

I will keep on thanking God with constant words of prayer.

All I will glory in the living God. The humble will hear and be glad.

Let us pray.

Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation and we praise you.
With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image,
we praise you.

Because in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and our
joy, we praise you.

Because your Spirit is at work today; encouraging, enabling, surprising us,
we praise you.

Salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose and we praise you.

All Amen

Hymn Jesus lover of my soul

Prayer of Confession

Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?
Giving God, you blessed us with saltiness,

All But we became bland.

You trusted us with your word

All But we did not keep it

You lit a flame in our midst

All But we hid it under formality and smothered it with our fears

God in your mercy, forgive us

(silence)

Forgiving God we believe that you have called us

All To be salt and light

That you offer us time, space and strength

All To begin again

(silence)

Giving and forgiving God

All We thank you

May almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forgive you your sins and bring you to eternal life. Amen.

Have salt in yourself and be at peace with one another.

All Amen

Hymn: Sing to Jesus

Readings

New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

The Whole Armour of God

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all

of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: Thank you Jesus for the blood

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16 21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

All Glory to you O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Wonderful Merciful Saviour

Intercessions

Hymn: He will hold me fast: Chorus

Agape

We are all invited to the common table to share in an Agape feast.

All At this table we come as brothers and sisters in the Holy Family of God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All As we share bread, as we drink water, we thank you God for our daily bread.

We thank you for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us.

All We thank you too for the living water with which you surprise, enrich and transform our lives.

(We eat bread and drink water)

Thanks be to God for his amazing grace to each of us

All Lord God thank you for this feast in which we have had a foretaste of the Holy Realm. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

Giving God, bless all who have gathered to worship you this day, may they know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all their sharing.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be you all and all those on your heart, this day and forever more.

All Amen

Go in the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: City of God