



## Morning Prayer 15th November - 2nd Sunday Before Advent

### *The Parable of the Talents*

#### Opening Responses

What a generous God we worship!

What an extravagant Creator, what a  
Source of abundance!

***We thank and praise You,  
gracious and giving God,***

What a vibrant life this is!

What an amazing array of  
experiences, relationships  
and opportunities!

***We thank and praise You,  
gracious and giving God,***

What an amazing Saviour is ours!

Our self-giving, compassionate Lord  
has given his life that we might receive  
abundant life.

***We thank and praise You,  
gracious and giving God,***

#### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open  
before us; let us pray with one heart and  
mind. ***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now  
and for ever. **All: Amen.**

#### Hymn

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

#### Confession

In this world of plenty, O God, we have  
chosen to live lives of poverty: We have  
hoarded our blessings, and have kept more  
than our share of abundance Causing others  
to know the hard reality of need and want;

***All Please, forgive us, Gracious God***

We have failed to care adequately for the  
world's abundant resources, Bringing  
scarcity and pain to our planet;

***All Please, forgive us, Gracious God***

We have denied the goodness that we  
enjoy, and have forgotten how to be grateful,  
Making ourselves miserable and hurting  
others;

***All Please, forgive us, Gracious God***

Remind us, O Lord, of all the good things  
that we have received; Remind us how to  
enjoy the blessings we experience; Remind  
us that giving is a source of pleasure and  
plenty; Remind us that there is enough to go  
around. And teach us to follow Christ in the  
ways of love, self-giving and compassion;

***All Please, forgive us, Gracious God Even  
as You have forgiven us, Amen.***

#### Absolution

**Reading: Matthew 25:14-30**

*At end of reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### Sermon

## Creed

**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.**

## Prayers

### Intercessions

*The response to: 'Lord in your Mercy' is; 'Hear our Prayer'*

*Intercessions conclude with:*

**Merciful father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### The Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may use your gifts wisely and share them with others; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Hymn

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in endless praise,

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,

Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,

## Notices

## Blessing

## Dismissal

The Grace of Christ has been offered to us again today;

***We receive it with thanks, and through our kindness we will share it with others.***

The Love of God has come to us again today;

***We fill our hearts in joy, and through our compassion we will share it with others.***

The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit has embraced us again today;

***We delight in it with gratitude, and through our generosity we will share it with others.***

Go in peace and thanksgiving,  
Live and work so that God's goodness may be recognised,  
***And God may be praised. Amen.***

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