

Morecambe Parish Church Eucharist Readings & Hymns
29th April 2018
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



OPENING HYMN

137 Alleluia! Alleluia! (Omit verse 2)

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

READING *Acts 8:26-40*

- ²⁶ An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.'
(This is a wilderness road.)
- ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
- ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.
- ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'
- ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'
- ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.
- ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:
'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.
- ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'
- ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'
- ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.
- ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'
- ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
- ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.
- ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

GRADUAL HYMN

185 *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

When the Gospel is announced, the response is: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL *John 15:1-8*

Jesus said to his disciples

- ¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.
- ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
- ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
- ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
- ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
- ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

At the end of the Gospel, the response is: **Praise to you, O Christ**

OFFERTORY HYMN

156 Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!

As Junior Church come into church we sing:

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.
In Him I trust, in Him I trust.

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In Him I trust, in Him I trust.

COMMUNION HYMN

(Chant)

I am the vine and you the branches,
prun'd and for all to see
chosen to bear the fruit of heaven
if you remain and trust in me.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

514 *Lord, thy church on earth is seeking*

