

Morecambe Parish Church Eucharist Readings & Hymns

22nd April 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

OPENING HYMN

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

READING *Acts 4:5-12*

- ⁵ The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who
were of the high-priestly family.
⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,
'By what power or by what name did you do this?'
⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the
people and elders,
⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone
who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,
¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this
man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.
¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has
become the cornerstone."
¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

GRADUAL HYMN

208 *Christ is made the sure foundation (PART 2 & Doxology)*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

When the Gospel is announced, the response is:

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL *John 10:11-18*

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

- ¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
- ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
- ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.
- ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
- ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
- ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

At the end of the Gospel, the response is:

Praise to you, O Christ

OFFERTORY HYMN

589 The King of love my shepherd is

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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COMMUNION HYMN

¹There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
till your work on earth is done.*

³When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

Thank you, O my Father,

²Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
once for sinners slain:

Thank you, O my Father,

POST COMMUNION HYMN

157 *The day of resurrection!*

JESUS
is the
LIGHT

