

Morecambe Parish Church Eucharist Readings & Hymns
18th February 2018
First Sunday of Lent

OPENING HYMN

95 *Forty days and forty nights*

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READING *Genesis 9:8-17*

- ⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your
descendants after you,
¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the
domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as
many as came out of the ark.
¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all
flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall
there be a flood to destroy the earth.'
¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between
me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all
future generations:
¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the
covenant between me and the earth.
¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the
clouds,
¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and
every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never
again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the
everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of
all flesh that is on the earth.'
¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have
established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

GRADUAL HYMN Psalm 25:1-9 (Please remain seated)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.

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Teach me lord your holy ways and help me learn your paths.

Guide my footsteps in your truth, my Saviour and my God.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.

Good and upright is the Lord who guides the wand'rer back,

leads the humble in this path and shows the poor his ways.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.

Faithfulness and love abound for all who keep his word;

those who love him have a friend whose promise is made clear.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, I lift up my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL *Mark 1:9-15*

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on his hands,
my name is hidden in his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no power can force me to depart,
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
My perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die:
my soul is purchased with his blood;
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

As Junior Church come into church we sing:

Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come now and worship the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

Take, O take me as I am
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart
and live in me

POST COMMUNION HYMN

496 *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

