

Morecambe Parish Church Eucharist Readings & Hymns

1st October 2017
16th Sunday after Trinity

OPENING HYMN

372 *All praise to God who reigns above*

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READING *Philippians 2:1-13*

- ¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,
² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GRADUAL HYMN

¹Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.

²Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffring to give us life,
conqu'ring through sacrifice;
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father forgive'
O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.

³Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible;
love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.
O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God. This is your God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23-32*

²³ When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?'

²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"

²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.'

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today."

²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

170 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

As Junior Church come into church we sing:

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

COMMUNION HYMN Be thou my vision – Bob Chilcott
(Choir)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings.
Through em'erald courts and sapphire skies
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high
forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;
we'll reign with him.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
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