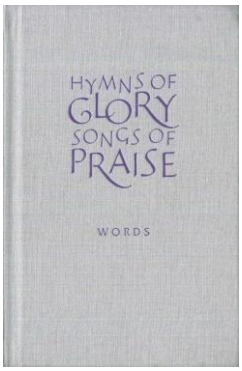
WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S, CLITHEROE
SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026
TRINITY XXI. (YEAR A)

COLLECT *(Gathering Prayer)*

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



HYMNS

(Silver Hymn Book)

193 God is love

264 Judge Eternal

694 Brother, sister let me serve you

500 Lord of all creation

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1f,15-18

[1] The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
[2] Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
[15] You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. [16] You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.
[17] You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. [18] You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: ST. MATTHEW 22:34-46

[34] When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, [35] and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. [36] 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' [37] He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' [38] This is the greatest and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'
[41] Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: [42] 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' [43] He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
[44] "The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?
[45] If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' [46] No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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