

Where's Your Chair?

Philippians 2 1-11



Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
Psalm 78:1

Praising:

All praise to thee, for thou, O King
divine,
didst yield the glory that of right
was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy
grace might shine: Alleluia!

Reading:

Philippians 2:1-11
Of the same mind

St Paul is concerned that the Philippian Christians should be of one mind. A spirit of unity, agreement and peace is what he is talking about, rather than consensus on matters of belief or doctrine. There ought to be a tangible sense of fellowship and togetherness among believers, and Paul doesn't leave them guessing about how they are to foster that. The key is humility. They are to think of others as

better than themselves. They are to do everything practical to put others' interests before their own. And why is humility the key to harmonious community relations? Because humility goes to the heart and essence of who Christ is. In emptying himself and becoming like a slave, Jesus models for us what we are to do and how we are to be in our dealings with one another.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord bless relationships within our Church family

- that young and old might work together for the good of the whole body
- that modern and ancient, informal and traditional might bless one another
- that service and giving, sacrifice and generosity might be the marks of our fellowship

Father: help me to value my brothers and sisters in Christ as your precious gift to me. May I honour them as Jesus honoured me – by becoming in every way as human as I am. Amen

Doing:

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