



# Parish of Mundeford

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Communion Celebration

*Welcome & Opening Hymn:*

**I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.**

***Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ Who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.***

**I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.**

***Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ Who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.***

*Opening proclamation:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**he has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Opening Prayer*

**Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We say sorry*

Jesus Christ, risen Saviour and triumphant Lord, we come to you to confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

Like the disciples behind locked doors  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy**

Like Thomas in the upper room  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from  
*your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Gloria*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### *The 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 from Acts 2: 42-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend)*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;**

**He makes me lie in pastures green.**

**He leads me by the still, still waters,**

**His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*And I will trust in You alone,*

*For Your endless mercy follows me,*

*Your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,**

**And He anoints my head with oil,**

**And my cup, it overflows with joy,**

**I feast on His pure delights. *And I will trust ..***

**And though I walk the darkest path,**

**I will not fear the evil one,**

**For You are with me, and Your rod and staff**

**Are the comfort I need to know. *And I will trust ..***

*The Gospel Reading: John 10 v1-10*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read*

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

*Sermon*

*Creed*

Brothers and sisters let us declare together our faith in God

**We believe and trust in God the Father,**

**source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,**

**who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Prayers*

*The Peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Offertory hymn: Behold the Lamb*

**Behold the Lamb  
who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us - and we remember  
The promise made  
that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Saviour Jesus  
Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death  
that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every  
stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all  
may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness  
and faith we rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow  
in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come  
again!  
And we'll join in the feast of  
heaven  
Around the table of the King”**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

**Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection power; through Christ our risen Lord.**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join all the angels  
and saints to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord  
God Almighty  
Holy, holy,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
Who was and is and is to come**

**Lift up his name with the sound  
of singing  
Lift up his name in all the earth  
Lift up your voice  
and give him glory  
For he is worthy to be praised**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Holy Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We pray the Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour has taught us so we pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread,**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*We break bread*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

*The Agnus Dei is said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*We receive Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We share bread and wine and a blessing.*

*After Communion*

**Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted  
and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Faithful Heavenly Father,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen**

## *Blessing*

May our God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of our Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

## *Final Hymn: How great thou art*

**O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.**

**When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.**

*Then sings my soul ...*

**And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

*Then sings my soul ...*

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.**

**Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**

*Then sings my soul ...*

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**