



Parish of Mundeford

St Peter and St Paul

Communion Celebration

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all
faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all
grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all
calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Confession

God the Father forgives us in Christ
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful

witnesses:

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.**

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

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life; grant that your church, inspired by their teaching and example and made one by your Spirit may ever stand upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Reading: Acts 12v1-11

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
In splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

The Gospel: Matthew 16v13-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

SERMON

The Creed: Let us declare 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.

Our Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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
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

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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! Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy!

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity!

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.**

As our Saviour 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei:

**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 are invited to receive Communion.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

We receive Communion or a Blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Fill us good Lord with your Spirit of love.
And as you have fed us
with the one bread of heaven,
so make us one in heart and mind,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;; and the blessing ...

HYMN: The Spirit lives to set us free

Walk, walk in the light.

**He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.**

**Walk, walk in the light (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord**

**Jesus promised life to all
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened
by his call,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk, walk in the light (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord**

**The Spirit lives in you and me
Walk, walk in the light.
The light will shine
for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk, walk in the light (x3)
walk in the light of the Lord**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve our God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.