



*"my yoke is easy ..."*

# Parish of Mundeford

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### 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:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all  
things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm  
or when fainting sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
how thy hearts wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth  
prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty  
can do  
if to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is  
in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come  
now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His  
people again;  
Gladly for ay we adore Him.

## ***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***

**Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

***Reading: Romans 7v15-25a***

*At the end of the reading*

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

## **HYMN:**

How sweet the Name of Jesus  
sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his  
wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit  
whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I  
build, Jesus! my Shepherd,  
Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way,  
my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!

**THE GOSPEL:** *Matthew 11v16-19,25-end*

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 come to take on his yoke and to bring his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

**For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies**

***Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r  
Sun and Moon and stars of light.**

***Lord of all ..***

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child.  
Friends on earth and friends above  
Pleasures pure and undefiled.**

***Lord of all ..***

**For each perfect gift of Thine  
To our race so freely given.  
Graces human and divine  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n.**

***Lord of all ..***

#### ***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 is the Lord  
God Almighty**

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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.**

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**

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

**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 the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing ...

## **HYMN:**

**Peace is flowing like a river,  
flowing out through you and me,  
spreading out into the desert,  
setting all the captives free.**

*Let it flow through me*

*let it flow through me.*

*let the mighty peace of God  
flow out through me.*

**Love is flowing like a river....**

**Joy is flowing like a river ....**

**Hope is flowing like a river ....**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace  
to love and serve our God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**