



Parish of Mundeford

Bible Sunday

**Communion
Celebration**

***The Word at the centre
of our lives***

Welcome

Let us worship God, Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**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: Jesus, the name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky:
Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly.

Jesus, the name to sinners dear,
The name to sinners giv'n;
It scatters all their guilty fear,
It brings them peace of heav'n.

Oh, that the world might taste and see,
The riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me,
For all the human race.

Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp His name:
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
“Behold, behold the Lamb!”

Confession:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning and inspiration, help us so to hear them, to read, mark and inwardly digest them; that through the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

Reading: Nehemiah 8v1-12

At the end of the reading

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

HYMN: Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes for your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
And the earth is filled with your glory

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THE GOSPEL: *Matthew 5v17-20*

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 which might end with:

Merciful Father **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to 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:

Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive your people's praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.**

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 proclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

God of all grace, your son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom, renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen

THE BLESSING

May the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing

HYMN:

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.*

Will your eyes behold through the morning light,
The city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
When life's storms are past for evermore?

We have an anchor

THE DISMISSAL

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen**