



Parish of Mundeford

Sunday before Lent

**Communion
Celebration**

This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him

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:

Hail to the Lord's anointed.
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

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

**Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he
suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his
glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be**

changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Christ our Lord, Amen

Reading: *2 Kings 2v1-12*

At the end of the reading

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

HYMN:

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer,
beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne
Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations,
ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to
Your throne
All within me cries out in praise.
Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty

THE GOSPEL: *Mark 9v2-9*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark*
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 affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself and was obedient to death,

even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. 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:

Jesus, the name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky:
Angels and mortals prostrate 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 turns their hell to heaven.

Oh, that the world might taste and see,
The riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me,
Hold 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!"

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**

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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

**Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we
who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save. This
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

To God be the glory,
great things he hath done:
so loved he the world

that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done.*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.

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THE DISMISSAL

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