



Parish of Mundeford

2nd Sunday of Easter

Communion Celebration

Welcome

Prayer on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh:

God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for the love he shared among us, and for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn, especially at this time, to the Queen and all members of the Royal Family. May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May he rest in peace. **And rise in glory**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

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.**

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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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading from 1 John 1v1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Jesus stand among us

Jesus stand among us
At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You,
so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land;
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You,
so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us
At the breaking of the bread;
Join us as one body
As we worship You, our Head.
O Jesus, we love You,
so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

The Gospel Reading: John 20v19-end

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:

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten,

Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,

Fountains opened deep and wide;

Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love.

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 say:

**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.**

We pray the Lord's Prayer

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

**Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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: **Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound
the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.***

***O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.***

***O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Thy children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.***

With the risen life
of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.