



Parish of Mundeford

2nd Sunday of Easter

Communion Celebration

“each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

Welcome

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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Hymn: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading from Ephesian 4v7-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Speak O Lord

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.

The Gospel Reading: John 10v11-18

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: In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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

**Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us
to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, Songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

Dismissal:

With the risen life
of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.