



# Parish of Mundeford

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Communion Celebration

*“Cornelius and God’s overflowing Spirit”*

*Welcome*

*including prayers for Blessing of the Waters*

*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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Hymn:* Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;

Let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

*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*

**Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

*Reading from Acts 10v44-end*

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

*Gradual 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 anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
When the waters cold chill our latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
While your anchor holds within the veil. *We have an anchor ...*

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 Gospel Reading: John 15v9-17*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 ending with the prayer for the Blessing of the Waters*

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the author of all godliness and growth, pour his abundant blessing upon these waters, that they may bring forth a bountiful harvest to his glory and for the well-being of all people.

In the name of God the Father, creator of all things;

In the name of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who called fishermen to proclaim his gospel;

In the name of God the Holy Spirit, who broods upon the waters, and gives life to all created things.

May these waters be blessed, hallowed and purified from all that destroys their life. Amen

*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: Love divine all love's excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesu, Thou art all compassion  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart  
Come almighty to deliver  
Let us all Thy grace receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Never more Thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing

Serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray, and praise Thee without  
ceasing  
Glory in Thy perfect love  
Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
'til in heav'n we take our place,  
'til we cast our crowns before  
thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*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*

**God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of**  
**eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source**  
**of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for**  
**ever. Amen**

## *Blessing*

May the strength of God pilot us,  
May the power of God preserve us,  
May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
May the hand of God protect us,  
May the way of God direct us,  
May the shield of God defend us,  
May the angles of God guard us against the snares of evil  
And the temptations of this world.  
May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us;  
And the blessing ...

## *Final Hymn: Eternal Father*

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless  
wave,  
Who bidd'st 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 walkedst on the foaming  
deep,  
And calm amid the rage didst sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your children shield in danger's  
hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and  
foe,  
Protect them whereso'er they go;  
and ever let there rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and  
sea.

## *Dismissal:*

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