

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

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.

Draw near with faith.....

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Church Family News

Song **Amazing grace** MP 1151

Closing Prayer

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing & Dismissal

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St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 27th October 2024

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
and also with you.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

Song **Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King** MP 1046

Faithful God,
Open our eyes
to see Christ among us.
Open our ears
to hear your living word.
Open our mouths
both to speak and to sing praises.
Open our hearts afresh
to receive you today.

All age engagement

Song **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord** MP 1100

Confession

Let us open our hearts
to the God who sees and knows us
the God who loves and keeps us,
the God who protects us and guards our lives,
- confident of his mercy and forgiveness:

When we have chosen darkness in place of light,
Forgive us, Lord.

When our true vision and understanding have been dulled
through a lack of faith and trust in you,
Forgive us, Lord.

When we have made our own minds up about those around us
and failed to see their lives and needs through your eyes,
Forgive us Lord.

When in a dark and disfigured world, we have not held out the light of life;
Forgive us, Lord.

When we have been blind to and have failed to take hold
of the true blessings you long to give us,
**Forgive us, Lord,
and in the power of your Spirit restore our true vision of you
and your unending love for your world
Amen.**

Reading - Hebrews 7: 23-end (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 46—end (NRSV)
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.
(After the reading)
This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Song **Jesus, at your name we bow the knee** *MP 355*

Affirmation of Faith
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

cf. Ephesians 3

Prayers

The Peace
Find your strength and your peace in the Lord and in his mighty power.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Song **Jesus is King and I will extol him.** *MP 366*

Thanksgiving Prayer D
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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**