

*Blessing*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**



**St Michael's Church, Highworth**  
10.15am service — Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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*Welcome*

*Opening prayer*

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

Song **Cornerstone**

Song **Waymaker**

*Introduction into theme*

*The children and youth leave for their groups*

*Confession*

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:  
**Father**  
**we have sinned against heaven and against you.**  
**We are not worthy to be called your children.**  
**We turn to you again.**  
**Have mercy on us,**  
**bring us back to yourself**  
**as those who once were dead**  
**but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring  
us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Creed*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Song the Lord's my shepherd

*Bible reading* | John 3: 16-24 (NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Bible reading* Acts 4: 5-11 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*Talk*

*Prayers ending with The Lord's Prayer*

**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 forever. Amen**

*The children and youth return from their groups*

Song **you say**

*Church family news*

Song **This is amazing grace**