

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.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

**O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen**

Hymn **The Lord's my shepherd** MP1008

The children and youth return from their groups

Church family news including Banns

Hymn **Over all the earth** MP1101

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty, The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you now and always **Amen**

Tend the earth, care for God's creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

After the service please join us for refreshments, and remember there are people
willing to pray with you in confidence if you would like prayer for anything

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St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 8th May 2022

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Creator, Son and Spirit, we gather together, online and in-person
to seek Your presence in our time of worship.

We are hungry for you

Meet us at our point of deepest need.
Connect us with the needs of others.
Equip us to join in your creative work.
Transform us more into your likeness.

We are hungry for your righteousness

We gather with Jessica and Janet
and their communities in Zimbabwe as we prepare for Christian aid week.
May their stories make us hungry for justice and even more impatient for change.

We are hungry for your justice

We gather with all of creation; with the mountains and the hills.
We shall burst into song, with the trees of the field we will clap our hands.

We are hungry to praise you. Amen

All age engagement

Action Song **This is the story or the cross**

Prayer of confession

God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles and longs to be set free.
Our sin affects all around us.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour
God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The children and youth leave for their groups

Reading—Acts 9: 36-end

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

Gospel Reading—John 10: 22-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)

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

Sermon

Song **the song of Kingdom come** (*Christian Aid song*)

Intercessions

Affirmation of Faith

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**

Hymn **We have a Gospel to proclaim** *MP728*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word,

who laid down his life for our salvation

and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit

to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus 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 to us Christ's body and his blood.

Amen

Pour your 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.

Amen

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,

with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (video)