

and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Amen

Jesus
The Lord's prayer

Breaking of the Bread
Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.
Now we reign with Christ

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb. Alleluia.

The Distribution

Prayer after Communion
God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly
places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

The Dismissal
Alleluia. Christ is risen..
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Blessing
Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia Alleluia.

Jesus
Jesus, Jesus is the Lord
Jesus is the Lord God almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord

The Lord's Prayer
As Jesus 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 forever.
Amen.



St Michael's Church, Highworth
Ascension Day
7pm Service - Thursday 29th May 2025

Welcome
Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gathering Prayer
I shall not die but live, for God opened the gates of heaven.
This is what the Lord has done.
We give God thanks and praise.

The Lord is my strength and my song.
God has become my salvation.
This is what the Lord has done.
We give God thanks and praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.
This is what the Lord has done.
Let us give God thanks and praise.

Collect for Ascension Day

Confession
We trust in our risen and ascended Lord to set us free from sin

Too often, Lord God we are hesitant in our proclamation;
seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.
Give us courage to trust in you

Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service;
reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.
Give us courage to trust in you

Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration,
in the vain hope of finding you there.
Give us courage to trust in you

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith
and open wide our hearts and minds to your presence
The presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for Ascension Day
Grant, we pray, Almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gloria

First Reading **Daniel 7. 9 - 14**

Introduction to the Gospel (please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus is the good shepherd who knows his sheep by name.

We sheep know his voice and follow him into good land.

Alleluia.

Reading **Luke 24. 44 - 53**

Talk **Phil Goodey**

Affirmation of faith

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Receiving the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,

by whose love heaven is opened,

by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Gloria

**Glory, Glory to the Lord
Glory to the Lord God almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Glory, Glory, Glory to the Lord**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Holy

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