

Song **Who you say I am**

Offertory

Closing Prayer

**Eternal God,
our beginning and our end,
accompany us in this day's journey.
Dawn on our darkness,
open our eyes to praise you for your creation
and to see the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us
to bring to others the new life you give in
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**



St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service - Sunday 4th May 2025

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song **Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)**

Introduction to theme

Children and youth leave for their groups

Song **O for a thousands tongues to sing**

Confession

St Paul says
'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved;
do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God,
who forgives us in Christ.
**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things**

that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a
kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading - Acts 9: 1 - 20 (NRSV)

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

Sermon

Song **And can it be**

Creed

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

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour 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 in to temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen**

Song **Mighty to save**

Children and youth return from their groups

Church family news and Banns of Marriage

Where has God been working this week?