

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will we dare to walk into God's future,  
trusting him to be our guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will we dare to embrace each other and grow ever closer together in love?

**We will.**

Will we dare to share our riches in common  
and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will we dare to pray for each other until our hearts beat  
with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will we dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

Song **Come set your rule and reign...build your kingdom here ...we  
are your Church.....we need your power in us**

*Closing Prayer*

**God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you  
now and always.**

*Blessing*

God poured out his promised Holy Spirit in tongues of flame  
on the day of Pentecost.

We have been baptised with the Spirit and with fire.  
May that same Holy Spirit send us out to tell his story,  
and give us a voice to glorify God before all people.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*Dismissal*

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**St Michael's Church, Highworth**  
10.15am Service - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Welcome*

We meet in the name of God:  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Introduction*

As the first disciples gathered, so we gather today and pray:  
Holy Spirit, infuse our worship with your language of praise,  
inspire our prayers with your heart of love,  
transform our lives with your flames of confidence,  
empower us with your energy and your vision,  
refresh us with your streams of living water.  
Holy Spirit, we reach out to you  
in anticipation and in trust.

**Amen.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;  
**Nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;  
**Fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
**Bring strength, healing and peace.**

Song **Holy Spirit, we welcome you**

*Confession*

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*cf 1 Corinthians 2:9*

Gracious God,  
We confess to you the times we have been selfish and have lacked  
love  
for you and for those around us:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you the times we have been stubborn  
and lacked trust in you.  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

*Absolution*  
May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
Amen

*The Collect*  
Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives  
to bring Christ to the world.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### *Distribution of Communion*

*Post Communion Prayer*  
Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every people and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

### *Church Family News*

*Blessing of Light*  
Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;  
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit  
they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
the way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

*Commission*  
For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over  
the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and  
have prayed that the power that was at work when Jesus raised Jesus  
from the dead might be at work in us.  
As God's people here, let us determine to live out what we proclaim.

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 is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 fed by Christ's body and his blood.

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.  
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*  
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray...

*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.**

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

**Song Holy Spirit, living Breath of God**

*1st Reading - Acts 2: 1-21*

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

*Gospel Reading*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

John 7: 37-39

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

*Sermon*

*Affirmation of Faith*  
Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 and trust in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. *cf. Ephesians 3***

Song **We bow down and confess**

**Responsory**

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we respond to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

Song **Come Holy Spirit, I need you**

*Prayers*

*The Peace*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *cf 2 Corinthians 1:22*  
**And also with you**

Song **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

*Thanksgiving 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 everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels, archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.