

Closing Hymn **Holy Forever**

Blessing

God,
who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.
To a searching world
love from Christ.
To a waiting world
hope from Christ.

Dismissal

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



St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 9th March 2025

Welcome Greeting

Opening Prayer

Let everything be said and done in the name of the
Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.
Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.
Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Song **Hosanna (Praise is rising)**

Church Family News including Banns of Marriage

Where has God been working this week

Introduction to the theme

Children and young people leave for their groups

Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.
Let us confess our sins remembering before God
the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
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 our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,
time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Reading – Romans 10: 8b-13 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear and see the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 4: 1-13 (NRSV)

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song **Before the throne of God**

Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**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

Children and young people return from their groups

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Song **Nothing is impossible**

Offering is brought forward

Breaking of the 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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace

Jesus is the lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I will be healed.**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.**

**Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;**

we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,**

**that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith,

increase our hope, and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
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**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St Michael and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.