

# St Michael's Church, Highworth

10.15am Service - Sunday 11th May 2025

# 4th Sunday of Easter

#### Welcome

### **Opening Prayer**

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

Song Cornerstone

Introduction of the Theme 'What makes you feel alive?'

### A Prayer of Confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Far we wander, frequently we stray, in mind and word and deed. Please look on us with goodness and mercy, Lord, when we have wronged you, Lord help us to hear your call

Where we have injured others on the way. It is never your desire that any be hurt or harmed, always your will that blessings will overflow. Lord Help us to work for the good of all

Yet, where our actions hinder such blessing, for ourselves and for our neighbour, rescue us with your eternal staff and lead us back to your path of righteousness.

Lord help us to respond to your prompting with obedience

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England, New Patterns for Worship and Times and Seasons, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000, 2002, 2006

Page 4 Page 1

### The assurance of Forgiveness

Thank you, O God, that in you we have the safety and security of your abundant forgiveness. As a woolly jumper can hold us tight, surrounding us with warmth and well-being, so does your forgiveness wrap us in security and new hope.

Praise be to God.

Amen

#### Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading

Acts 9 36 - 43

Song I will build my church

Talk We are called to live in Christ

What has God been doing?

A time of Intercession and prayer

## 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.

#### Creed

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.

cf Philippians 2.6-11The Peace of Christ

Song "Blessed Assurance"

## **Easter Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ...

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

#### The APCM

Please collect some refreshments then take your seats for the Church Annual Meeting (APCM)