

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
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*

*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.**

*Distribution of Communion*

*Post Communion Prayer*

*Prayer after Communion*

*Church family news*

Hymn **Build your kingdom**

*Closing Prayer*

After the service please join us for refreshments, and remember there are people  
willing to pray with you in confidence if you would like prayer for anything

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**St Michael's Church, Highworth**  
10.15am service — Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

*Welcome*

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**and also with you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise, inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Song **King of kings – in the darkness**

*Introduce "Creative Engagement" with Theme for Today*

All Age Song **"We praise you"**

*Confession*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
Looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

*(Hebrews 12:1)*

Gracious and merciful God,  
as we remember the great love and sacrifice of Jesus  
and his call to take up our cross and follow him,  
we come seeking your forgiveness and help  
for the times we have failed you:

When we have not lived faithfully as your disciples,  
and have not loved you as you love us,  
or our neighbours as ourselves,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have been narrow in our horizons,  
weak in our commitment, careless in our worship  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have preferred our own path to yours  
and wandered from it,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have not been willing to go the extra mile  
with you,  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**Gracious God,  
renew our spirits,  
strengthen our wills,  
and deepen our faith  
to run the race you call us to  
in love and trust in you.**

*Absolution*

*The Collect*

*Reading*—Hebrews 11: 1-2, 12:1-3  
This is the Word of the Lord   **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Reading*—Matthew 4: 18-22  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**  
*(After the reading)*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.   **Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sermon*

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**  
**Amen**

Song **Turn your eyes upon Jesus**

*Prayers*

*The Peace*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

Song **O God you search me**

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you, which earth has given  
and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.   **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.   **Blessed be God for ever**

*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 always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.  
You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.  
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
**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.  
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.