

and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**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**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume

**to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

**But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ

**and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

Distribution of Communion **God and man at table are sat down**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Church family news including Banns of Marriage

Closing Hymn To God be the Glory

Blessing & Dismissal

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St Michael's Church, Highworth
10.15am service — Sunday 11th February 2024

Welcome

Acclamation

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

God has broken the power of death

and brought life and immortality to light.

Arise, shine, for your light has come

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For though darkness shall cover the earth

and thick darkness the nations,

the Lord will rise upon you

and his glory will be seen upon you.

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Opening Prayer

Hymn You laid aside your majesty

Confession

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens,

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds: *Pause*

When focus on our feet, and fail to look up and see your love

Lord forgive us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

and your justice as the great deep: *Pause*

When we let inequality, corruption and cruelty prevail

Christ Forgive us.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For with you is the well of life

and in your light shall we see light: *Pause*

When we see poverty darkness and do not shine your light

Lord Forgive us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Collect for Transfiguration

Introduction to theme

The children and youth leave for their groups

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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**

Reading - 2 Corinthians: 4: 3-6

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

Hymn **Face Down** (*Matt Redman*) (*Reflection*)

Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 2—9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

(*After the reading*)

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

Sermon

Hymn **The splendour of the King**

Prayers and Intercessions

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn **Christ whose Glory fills the skies**

Prayer at the preparation of the table

Be present Lord, be present,

Be present Lord, as we gather together

Be present Lord in the breaking of the bread

Be present Lord in sharing of the wine

Be present Lord in our hearts and in our lives.

Amen

The children and youth return from their groups

Eucharistic Prayer G

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

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.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence

his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,

and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you

these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,

form us in the likeness of Christ,