

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

We go in God's strength

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Holy Communion – 7th November 2021
St Michael's Church**

Welcome

We gather to worship God

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

And also with you.

Hymn

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight,
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:
raise Thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

We say sorry to God

Out of pure love, Jesus gave all that he had for us, that we
may live the full lives he always intended for us.

So now, we turn to God,
to the one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and his peace.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Through he, who is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

With gratitude to God, we pray together:

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.

We ask for God's blessing

Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him to his right hand on high... pour upon you his resurrection power to listen to his voice and continue his work in your daily lives, that you may look with hope, to that day when you shall see him face to face.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, and with all those you love, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

May the God of all love and power
Forgive you, and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit.
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect - special prayer for today

**Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

We listen to God's Word

Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Hymn:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

Draw near with faith.

Received the body of our lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which is shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As we come to receive these holy gifts, we pray together:

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.

Prayer after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:

Renew your people with your heavenly grace, And in all our weakness, sustain us by your true and living bread:

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us Father to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God, we say the prayer our
Saviour taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We bring our prayers to God

We share God's peace

We are all equally loved in Christ Jesus
He calls us to listen to his voice, to speak to him in
faith, and to receive the fullness of the Spirit of
peace...

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

Hymn:

Jesus, remember me
When You come into Your kingdom.
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When You come into Your kingdom.

We celebrate Holy Communion

The Eucharistic 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
It is right to give him thanks and praise

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You made us all, wonderfully different, To join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you loving Father, because,
when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave himself for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
he gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me'.

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
Gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples saying:
'This is my blood poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins'.

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.