

You have fed us at the table of life, love and hope.  
Teach us your ways of gentleness, peace and belonging,  
That through us, others may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord and truly live. **Amen.**

**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.**

### Blessing

May the Lord of all healing and hope, speak to your hearts of how broad  
and long and deep and high is his love is for you...  
and may he transform you, more and more, into they who shine out to the  
world, in the power of his love.

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

Final Hymn Crown Him with many crowns. (103)

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

Holy Communion St Michael's Church  
19th February 2023

### Welcome

Hymn O worship the King (393)

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

**And also with you**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O  
Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with  
all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other  
commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all  
the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### Confession

**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,  
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 love, our good shepherd, who has watched over us since  
before we were born,<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
bring *you* back to himself,<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
forgive *you* your sins,<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
and assure *you* of his eternal love,<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Hymn In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful (250)

Collect

**Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and  
reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

Readings Matthew 16:24 -17:8 Psalm 41: 7-10

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.**

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.

**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

Eternal God,  
Gatherer of all those who have gone astray, and healer of the broken,

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.  
This is our story.

**This is our song  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father,  
with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you  
to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts, we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.**

**May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you,  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
Blessing and honour and glory  
and power be yours  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Sermon (Chris Scruby)

Hymn Be still and know that I am God (52)

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  
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.**

Intercessions (David Clapton)

The Peace

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

Offertory hymn All praise to thee, for thou O King divine. (18)

Prayer of Consecration

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels  
sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with  
love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.***

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: