

Holy Communion St Michael's Church
5th March 2023

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 O praise ye the Lord (388)

We say sorry to God

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,
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

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those
who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they
may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

Psalm 16:5-8.

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Sermon

Hymn The King of Love my Shepherd is. (484)

**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

**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 God, whose glory fills the heavens... and yet,
Who reaches out his hand to touch each of you with the spirit of
encouragement and unity.
Fill you with courage to live and love boldly,
So that, with one voice, you may glorify him and discover your
heart's true desire.
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 Love divine, all loves excelling (321)

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

Declaration of faith

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.**

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.

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

The Peace

We are all fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and preached the power of love and peace, to those who were far off... and those who were near.

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

Offertory hymn My song is love unknown (346)

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