

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.**

Hymn. And can it be. (30)

We go in God's strength

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

Holy Communion
St Michael's 16th July 2023

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 God is love, let heaven adore him (170)

We say sorry to God

**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, power and new beginnings
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, or special prayer for today

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We listen to God's Word

Readings. Matthew 6:5-15

Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon

Hymn: Heaven shall not wait (207)

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.**

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,
Comforter of all and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope.
In your power, teach us your ways of gentleness and peace, and bring us alive
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and fully live. **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

May God, whose glory fills the heavens, and yet, who reaches out his hand to touch each of you with the spirit of encouragement, unity and peace, 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.

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.

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.**

**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.****

We bring our prayers to God - Intercessions

We share God's peace

We are all fellow citizens with the saints and of the house
hold 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

Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy. (501)

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, drink this in remembrance of me'.

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.

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,