

**Holy Communion
St Michael's 17th March 2024**

We gather to worship God

We gather in the name of God, creator, sustainer and giver of life. **Amen**

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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus
Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 for ever.

We listen to God's Word

Readings. Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
Psalm 102:12-17

Sermon

Hymn: Awake my soul (Part 1) (50)

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,**

**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

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, discover your
heart's true desire and be ready to meet him

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)

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

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.

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,**

**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, angels and mortals, believers and non-believers,
look heavenward and speak the word aloud.
Peace.
We look at our world and speak the word aloud.
Peace.
We look at each other, then into ourselves and we say

without shyness apology or hesitation

Peace, My Brother

Peace, My Sister

Peace, My Soul

Offertory Hymn: Man of sorrows.

(330)

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.