

Hymn **The splendour of the king** (*iSing*)

*Closing Prayer*

Jesus, lord of time,

**hold us in your eternity.**

Jesus, image of God,

**travel with us the life of faith.**

Jesus, friend of sinners,

**heal the brokenness of our world.**

Jesus, lord of tomorrow,

**draw us into your future.**

**Amen**

*Blessing*



**St Michael's Church, Highworth & St Leonard's Blunsdon,  
St James' Sevenhampton, St John the Baptist, Hannington**  
10.15am service — Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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*Welcome and Introduction*

*Opening Prayer*

**Your glory fills the whole earth**

**and your power is beyond measuring.**

**Your gifts are good and perfect,**

**your love is more than we can know**

**and your grace is enough for everything.**

**Eternal God, we come to you.**

*Let us praise God.*

From before the world began

and after the end of eternity,

**You are God.**

From the sea bursting out of its womb

to the wind ceasing from its chase,

**You are God.**

In the constancy of created things

and in their fickleness,

**You are God.**

In the vastness of the universe

and the forgotten corner of our hearts

**You are God.**

**You are our God**

**and we bless you.**

Hymn **Way Maker – you are here moving in our midst** (*iSing*)

*Creative engagement*

*Confession Genesis 2v16-17*

**And the Lord God commanded the man,  
“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;  
but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,  
for when you eat from it you will surely die.”**

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Absolution*

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Hymn **How deep the Father’s love** (*iSing*)

*Reading – Genesis 2:4-25*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*Reading – Proverbs 3:11-18*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

*Sermon*

Hymn **Who breaks the power – This is amazing grace** (*iSing*)

*Praise Responses*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

**and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

*cf Psalm 145.3,4,10–12*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Prayers*

*Church family news*