



***All Age Eucharist  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter***



**St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.15am**

GATHERING HYMN – SoF 2249 Come people of the risen King

**Come people of the risen king,  
who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
*One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change,  
and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
*One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, young and old from every land,  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands,  
find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing -  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age  
'Our God is all in all!'  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
*One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

In my head (touch head)  
in my heart (touch heart)  
and all around me (touch shoulders one by one)  
Jesus is here (open hands in front, facing upwards)  
Amen.

We say together:

**All:**

**In my head** (*touch head*)  
**in my heart** (*touch heart*)  
**and all around me** (*touch shoulders one by one*)  
**Jesus is here** (*open hands in front, facing upwards*)  
**Amen.**

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

**All and also with you.**

*Please sit*

*The President introduces the service.*

We come to acknowledge the pain of a hurting world, where we have failed to nurture each other.

We come to receive again from the God of compassion and mercy.

*We keep a moment of stillness.*

Your love gives us life from the very beginning. We fail to live as your children.

**All sing** Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us all.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

**All sing** Christ our Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ our Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ our Lord, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us all.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

**All sing** Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Have mercy on us all.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

May the God of 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.

**All Amen.**

## COLLECT PRAYER

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father

**All Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able*

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HON 9 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks (verses 1-4)

THE GOSPEL John 10: 11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HON 9 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks (verse 5)

*Junior Choristers sit in the nave of the church*

THE TALK

PARISH PUPPETS

WE BELIEVE  
*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All**

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all his apostles;  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

PRAYERS

THE PEACE

Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead.  
May the peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**All And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*We remain in our places and offer one another a sign of peace.  
Junior Choristers return to sit in the chancel*

OFFERTORY SONG – HON 282 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear;  
it soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.  
It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest,  
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear Name, the rock on which I build,  
my shield, and hiding-place;  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace.  
Jesus, my Shepherd, Saviour, friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King;  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring,  
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought,  
I would your boundless love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
so shall the music of your name  
refresh my soul in death,  
refresh my soul in death.**

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

I<sup>st</sup> Young Person

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

**All**

**Listen, and we will hear**

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 the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All sing    Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might:  
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
your pow'r and might.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
blessed, blessed is he who comes;  
blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

*Please sit*

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Young Person      Why do we share this bread and wine?  
**All**                      **Listen, and we will hear**

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Young Person      How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
**All**                      **Listen, and we will hear**

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 St Alphege... and all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All    Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's children, loved and cherished, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

*All join in singing:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All** **Therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

*We receive communion.*

*We are all invited to draw near to God today.*

*If you, or your children, regularly receive the bread and wine at any Christian church,  
you are most welcome to do so today.*

*If you do not usually receive the bread and wine, or prefer not to do so today,  
you are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing.*

*If you do this, you may want to hold your hands together in prayer  
so that we know your intention.*

*The Junior Choristers sing Lead me, Lord by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

*Lead me, Lord,  
lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 16 All heaven declares

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

NOTICES

*The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.  
Please stand if you are able*

FINAL SONG – HON 284 I am the bread of life (alternative verse 3)

**I am the Bread of life.**

**You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**

**No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.**

***And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

**The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.**

***Chorus***

**I am the Good Shepherd,**

**I am the Gate.**

**Those who hear my voice,  
and enter by me, have life in all its fullness.**

***Chorus***

**I am the Resurrection,  
I am the life. If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever.**

**Chorus**

**Yes, Lord,  
I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come into the world.**

**Chorus**

## THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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