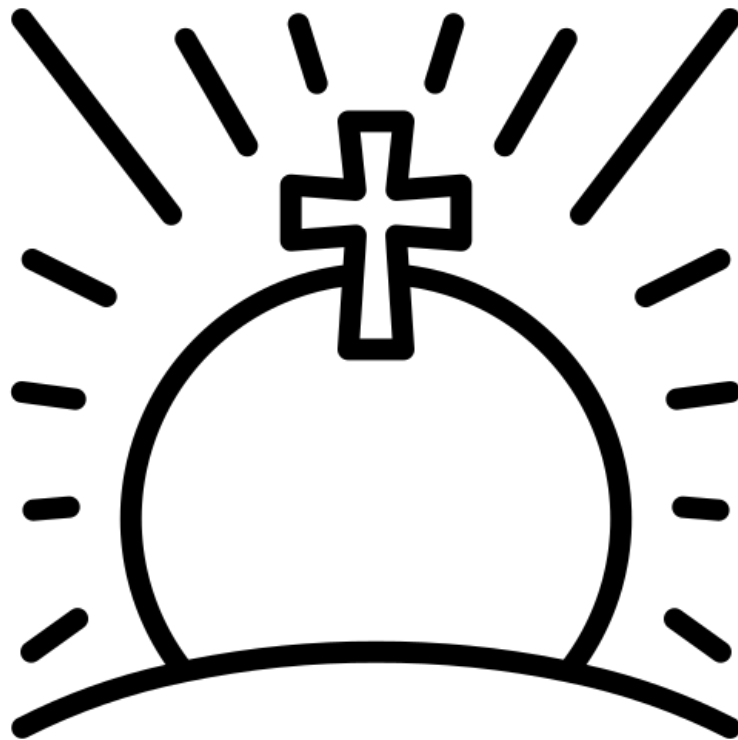




***All Age Eucharist
on Easter Day***



St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 20th April 2025 at 9.15am

From the back of church

President Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

President I can't hear you! Try again!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

President Louder still!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN – HON 339 Jesus Christ is risen today

THE GREETING

*President: 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.*

**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.**

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

All and also with you.

All Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please sit

The President introduces the service.

Welcome to our All-Age Easter Day celebration. It's lovely to see you all here on the most important day in the Christian calendar – the day on which we celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead. On a Friday, he was crucified, dead and buried, but on Sunday he rose to life again. We believe he will come again in glory and that his kingdom will have no end. What a lot we have to celebrate today.

WE SAY SORRY

Jesus is risen and all that is wrong can be made right.
Let's be quiet for a minute and think about where we have gone wrong during the past week.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We keep a moment of stillness.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

**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.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

**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.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son,
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand if you are able

Chorus

Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!

Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!

Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!

Alle-lu-jah!

**I am the resurrection, and the life,
I am the resurrection, and the life,
I am the resurrection, and the life,
Alle-lu-jah!**

Chorus

THE GOSPEL

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

Chorus

Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!
Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!
Alle, Alle, Alle-lu-jah!
Alle-lu-jah!

Junior Choristers sit in the nave of the church

THE TALK

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please stand

As we celebrate again the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we remember that through these saving acts we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we might rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. We now have opportunity to renew the promises made at our baptism, to affirm our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

The celebrant says

Do you renew and affirm the promises made when you were baptized?

I do.

Do you turn in faith to Christ?

I do.

Do you then renounce all evil?

I do, by God's help.

Will you obey and serve Christ?

I will, by God's help.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I 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.**

The celebrant continues

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

The celebrant says
Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have given us the will to do all these things:
Give us the courage and strength to achieve them
to the honour and glory of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

In baptism, water is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and a sign of the new life God gives us through his resurrection.
In this bowl, we have water that has been taken from the font.
With the help of the children all of us will now be sprinkled with it
to wash us clean and remind us of our baptism.

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 and after the song children are invited to come forward and gather around the altar table.

OFFERTORY SONG – HON 374 Led like a lamb (You're alive)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen

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.

Ist 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.

2nd 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.

3rd 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 “Easter Jubilation” by Helen and Mark Johnson

*Easter jubilation fills the streets and towns,
Celebrations have begun.*

*Hear the music and the dancing now,
Join the laughter and the fun.*

*Chorus Oh! Raise a joyful shout!
 Clap your hands and dance
 let your feelings out.
 Oh! Hear what it’s about,
 Christ the Lord has come to set us free.*

*Put aside your sorrows, wipe your tears away,
For a better time will come
There’s a promise of a brighter day,
Join the laughter and the fun!*

*Chorus
La la...*

Chorus

*Easter jubilation fills the streets and towns,
Celebrations have begun.*

*Hear the music and the dancing now,
Join the laughter and the fun.*

Chorus x2

Christ the Lord has come to set us free. Hey!

In the communion song “In Christ alone” everyone is encouraged to cheer and clap on the 3rd line of this 3rd verse to celebrate Christ’s victory over death.

SONG DURING COMMUNION - HON 310 In Christ alone

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again
into your love by the triumphant death
and resurrection of Christ.
May all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life and
find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

NOTICES

The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the final song.

FINAL SONG – SoF 2020 See, what a morning

**See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

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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