



***All Age Eucharist
on Holy Cross Day***



St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 14th September 2025 at 9.15am

GATHERING HYMN – SoF 780 How deep the Father's love

**How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life
I know that "it is finished."**

**I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

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.

God's Spirit lives in us in order that our lives might bear good fruit
but we recognise that this is not always the case;
that sometimes the fruit we are known by is not good,
that sometimes our lives bear little or no fruit

We keep a moment of stillness.

God of Love, we are sorry for the times we have been unloving.
God of Joy, we are sorry for the times we have chosen to be miserable.
God of Peace, we are sorry for the times we have not borne your peace.

**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.**

God of Patience, we are sorry for the times we have been impatient.
God of Kindness, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind.
God of Goodness, we are sorry for the times we have failed to do 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.**

God of Faithfulness, we are sorry for the times we have been unfaithful.
God of Gentleness, we are sorry for the times we have been forceful.
God of Order, we are sorry for the times we have lacked self-control.

**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

Lord God, send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us – that, turning to you, we may know your love, your forgiveness, and your renewal.

All Amen.

COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please stand if you are able

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HON 727 When I survey (Tune 2 Waly Waly)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 3: 13-17

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Junior Choristers sit in the nave of the church

THE TALK

WE BELIEVE

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

THE PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY SONG – HON 175 From heaven you came (Servant King)

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.

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.

3 rd 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 the words in bold:

**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

Come to this table; not because you are strong,
but because you are weak.

Come; not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.

Come; because you love the Lord a little,
and would like to love him more.

Come; not because you are worthy to approach him,
but because he died for sinners.

Come; because he loves you
and gave himself for you.

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 SoF 399 My peace I give unto you by Keith Routledge

My peace I give unto you,
It's a peace that the world cannot give,
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.
Peace to know: peace to live.
My peace I give unto you.

My joy I give unto you,
It's a joy that the world cannot give,
It's a joy that the world cannot understand.
Joy to know: joy to live.
My joy I give unto you.

My love I give unto you,
It's a love that the world cannot give,
It's a love that the world cannot understand.
Love to know: love to live.
My love I give unto you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 338 Jesus Christ, I think upon your
sacrifice

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,
We thank you that you have called us to share the Good News with others.
Be with us as we share all that we know of your love.
Give us courage and wisdom to go wherever you send us.
And, in the sharing of the bread and wine, unite us with one another and with
you.
For we are all one in your love.

All Amen

NOTICES AND BANNS

The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.

COMMISSIONING OF THOSE EMBARKING ON NEW VENTURES

Those changing school, or going to college or university for the first time, or starting a new job in September are invited to come to the front of church to receive a special blessing and a commissioning from the people of God gathered here this morning.

Please stand if you are able

FINAL SONG – HON 290 I danced in the morning (Lord of the Dance)

THE BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts
May God's peace be in our world
May God's love be known between us
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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