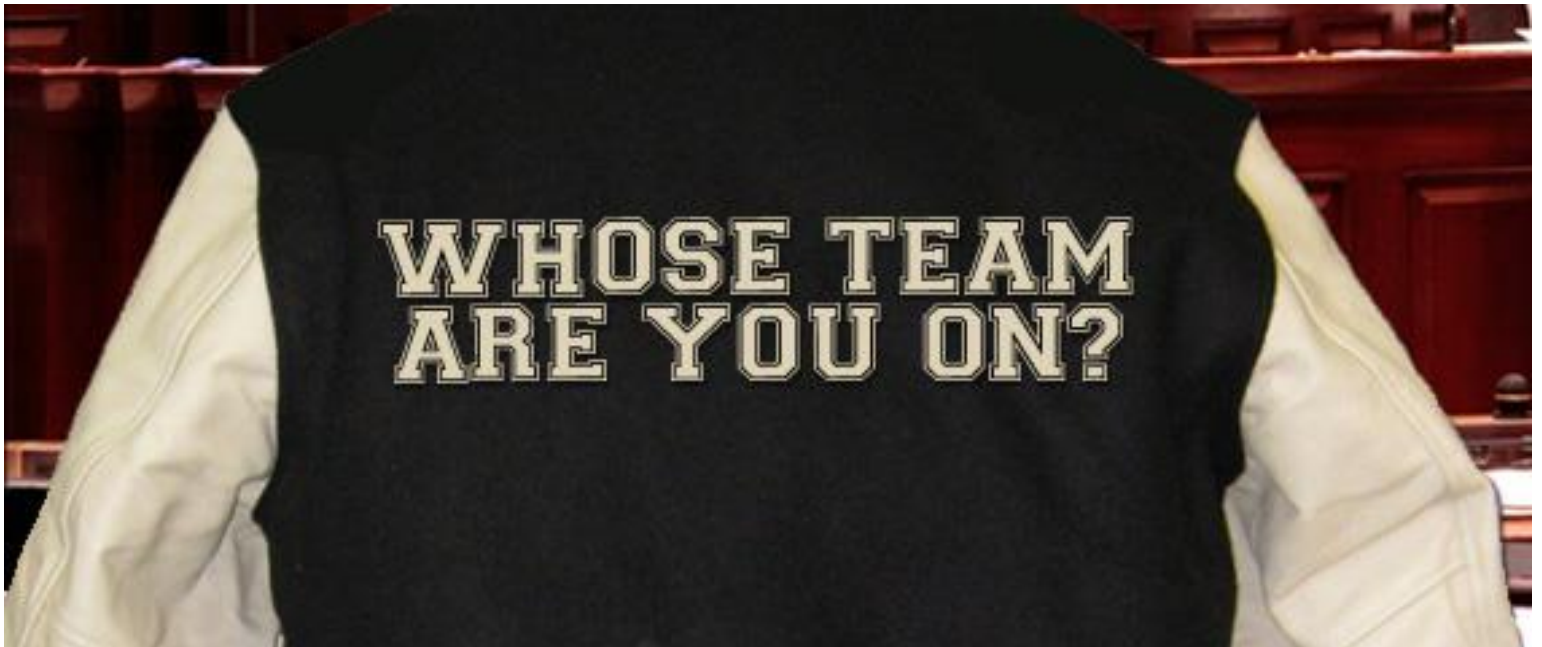




***All Age Eucharist  
on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***



**St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull**

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

GATHERING HYMN – HON 363 Join the song of praise and protest

THE GREETING

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

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – HON 756 Zacchaeus was a very little man

*Junior Choristers sit in the nave of the church*

THE TALK  
incorporating  
THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1-10

*The Gospel story is acted out*

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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 – SoF 223 | Bless the Lord O my soul

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.***

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.***

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.***

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come,  
still my soul will sing your praise unending;  
ten thousand years and then forever more!**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.***

## 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 the words in bold:*

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

**All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Word made flesh, bearer of our sins:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

**All Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Morning Star, Jesus, Prince of Peace:

**All Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

**All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.**

Jesus, King of kings, Jesus, Lord of all:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, give us your peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*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 HON 663 This is my body*

SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 329 I will offer up my life

## 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 BANNIS

*The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.*

*Please stand if you are able*

FINAL SONG – HON 703 We'll walk the land

## 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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