



***All Age Eucharist  
Harvest Thanksgiving***



**St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 9.15am**

*The altar party gather in silence around the nave altar with no procession.*

*The President welcomes everyone.*

## OFFERING OUR HARVEST GIFTS

We invite you to bring up any harvest gifts during the first song. Please come up the main, central aisle, leave your gift at one of the side altars and then return to your seat via the side aisles.

*Revd Nick receives gifts at one side altar, Revd Sue at the other side altar.*

## GATHERING HYMN – HON 705 We plough the fields and scatter

## 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.*

When we come together to worship in God's presence,  
we take time to put things right in our own lives.

Harvest makes us aware of how much we have to enjoy,  
but it also makes us aware of how often we fail to take care of the world  
and those around us.

It's also autumn, a time when the leaves fall,  
reminding us that sometimes we need to let go of things  
so that new things can happen.

So let us this morning remember all the wrong choices we have made,  
the things we have not bothered to do,  
and the things we did on purpose  
that have hurt other people,  
hurt ourselves and hurt God.

*We keep a moment of stillness.*

Lord God, we are selfish, we are greedy, we are wasteful of all that you have given us.  
Sometimes we forget to say thank you.  
Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Sometimes we ignore the needs of others and let others go hungry.  
Christ, have mercy.

**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.

Sometimes we just can't be bothered to live your way.  
Lord, have mercy.

**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

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 bread of life, feed on me.**

**I am the bread of life, feed on me.**

**I am the bread of life, feed on me.**

**Alle-lu-jah!**

### **Chorus**

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6. 25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**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!**

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

**Alle-lu-jah!**

*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 478 O give thanks to the Lord

## 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.**

*Children are invited forward to participate in the Eucharistic Prayer*

## 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

We are now going to see on the screens and hear the Lord's Prayer spoken in lots of different languages, as a reminder that we join together with Christians from all around the world. Please join in in the language and version that you know best. So 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.*

*During communion the Junior Choristers will sing HON 575 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God*

COMMUNION SONG – HON 662 Think of a world without any flowers

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom;  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## NOTICES AND BANNNS

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

*Please stand if you are able*

## FINAL SONG – Harvest Samba “Cabbages and greens”

**Cabbages and greens,  
broccoli and beans,  
cauliflower and roasted potatoes,  
taste so good to me!**

**Apricots and plums,  
ripened in the sun,  
oranges and yellow bananas,  
good for everyone!**

***It’s another harvest festival  
when we bring our fruit and vegetables,  
‘cause we want to share  
the best of all the good things we’ve been given.  
It’s another opportunity,  
to be grateful for the food we eat,  
with a samba celebration to say  
“Thank you” to God the Father.***

**Golden corn and wheat,  
Oats and sugar beet,  
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,  
Wonderful to eat!**

**Coffee, cocoa, tea,  
growing nat'rally,  
herbal plants and all kinds of spices,  
very nice indeed!**

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## 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.**