

Easter Sunday Service



He is Risen!

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Churches of Alpheton, Long Melford, Shimpling and Lawshall

The Greeting

Rector The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Rector Alleluia Christ is risen

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Rector's Welcome

Hymn

Prayers of Penitence

O Jesus Christ, Risen master and triumphant Lord, We come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to confess our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, And not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear and help us.**

God who is both power and love, 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. **Amen**

The Collect (prayer for the day)

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 Gloria (Hymn of Praise)

Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader may say:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All Glory to you O Lord

At the end of the reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Rector Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.



Prayers

These responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

All Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.



The Peace

Rector The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*Often we use the greeting: 'Peace be with you',
and the response: 'and also with you'.*

Hymn

During the hymn the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it; the president takes the bread and wine.



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

His Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Rector Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

The bell may be rung

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

The bell may be rung

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All say Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen

Rector 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.

Rector Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Rector Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



Prayer after Communion

Rector God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Rector May God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**



Hymn

Dismissal

Rector With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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A very happy, joyful and blessed Easter to you all.

