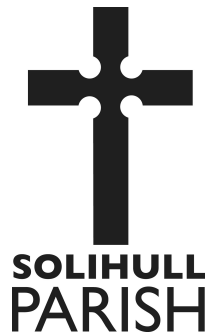


# Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



## **Said Eucharist in Ordinary Time**

**20th September 2020**

*A warm welcome to you. In order to worship safely a few elements of the service differ from our usual practice. Each person is asked to remain in their place throughout the service, other than to receive Communion when you will be guided by a steward. The person presiding, as well as brief notes in this order of service, will guide you as we proceed. While the service itself may be filmed for the benefit of those at home, only those leading will appear on film, not the congregation.*

**Please take this order of service away with you and use it for prayer  
at home/recycle it.**

Organ prelude: Pavane - Drayton

## **The Gathering**

*Please stand as able.*

President: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

## **The Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins:

**Most merciful God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly,**

**love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

#### Exodus 16. 2-21

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

*Please stand as able.*

*The small choir will sing a Gospel acclamation.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleulia.

I am the way and the truth and the life says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel**

### **Matthew 20. 1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the

landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Creed**

*Please stand as able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Intercessions**

**In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the  
Father:**

*These responses may be used*

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

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

### **God of Mission**

**who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give**

**Vision to our planning,**

**Wisdom to our actions,**

**and Power to our witness.**

**Help our Church to grow in numbers,**

**in spiritual commitment to you,**

**and in service to our local community,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand as able.*

God is love and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The sign of peace is not physically offered, but only in spoken response. We remain in our places.*

### Offertory Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,  
we give you this offering today.

With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you.

Please now take it and use it for your kingdom and your glory.

**Amen.**

*We now listen to two verses of the hymn 'For the fruits of his creation' Tune:*

*Ar hyd y nos (all through the night). Metre:84 84 88 84*

*– you are welcome to pray the words silently as our small choir sings.*

For the fruits of his creation  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

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### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table**

Wise and gracious God,  
You spread a table before us;  
Nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

**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.**

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
Gloria Tua  
Osanna in excelsis*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

### **The Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **The Invitation**

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.

*The celebrant raises paten and chalice and says*

The Body and Blood of Christ.

*To which all reply: **Amen.***

*Only the priest receives Communion under both kinds (bread and wine). The hosts (bread) for the congregation will be in a closed ciborium (container) which is uncovered just before the congregation receives. The stewards will guide everyone to the right location.*

*During the administration of Communion, the small choir sings the Agnus Dei and the anthem 'The Call' by Ralph Vaughan Williams.*

## 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.

*Agnus Dei qui tolis peccata mundi*

*Miserere nobis*

*Agnus Dei qui tolis peccata mundi*

*Miserere nobis*

*Agnus Dei qui tolis peccata mundi*

*Dona nobis pacem*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things

hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.

**Amen**

**Dismissal**  
**Notices**  
**The Blessing**

*Please stand as able.*

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,  
make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up on the last day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

Organ Voluntary: Offertory on the Grands Jeux from Mass for the Parishes -  
Couperin