

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Choral Eucharist in Christmastide

17th January 2021
Second Sunday of Epiphany

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.**

Music before the Service: *Meditation* - Hurford

The Gathering

The Greeting

Please stand as able.

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

All: Amen

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Welcome

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says,
'A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our failure to accept his love
and to share it with others.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all our sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord the only begotten Son Jesu Christ.

O Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us;
thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father:
receive our prayer.
For thou only art holy.
Thou only art the Lord,
Thou only art Christ with the Holy Ghost
Art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Music by Alan Ridout

The Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.'

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand as able. The choir sings the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an

Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit.

Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our belonging to the one family of God:

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 God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us

with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand as able.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 Hymn

Please sit as we listen to two verses of the hymn 'Will you come and follow me' sung to the tune 'The Summons'. You are welcome to pray the words silently as the choir sings.

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L Bell

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand as able.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

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.

We give you thanks for raising us up
and uniting us with Christ,
so that we can follow him
in the ways of integrity and discipleship,

and become an honoured dwelling place
for your Holy Spirit.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts
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.

Music by Alan Ridout

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.

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.
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 Alphege, Helen, Michael and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

A bell is rung to signify the sacramental presence of Christ, followed by a moment of stillness.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The celebrant raises the paten and chalice and says
The Body and Blood of Christ.
Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

Music by Alan Ridout

The Giving of Communion

*Only the celebrant 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.*

Anthem

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Music by Howard Goodall

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**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 celebrant will give the details of any particularly important notices and read any Banns of Marriage.

Please see the weekly pewslip (available online or via the Parish Office) for a full list of notices.

The Blessing

Please stand as able.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary: *Toccata in Seven* – John Rutter