

# **Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull**



## **Choral Eucharist**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**10.30am**

**Order of Service  
for Ordinary Time**

**Father's Day**

Please note that, due to COVID restrictions, congregational singing is not currently permitted. As a result, the choir will sing all the musical items printed herein alone and you are invited to sit during them.

The words are printed in the order of service for your reference, and you are encouraged to pray them silently while the choir is singing.

## Processional Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

*Words by James Edmeston  
Tune MANNHEIM*

## The Gathering

### The Greeting

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

**All: Amen**

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

**And also with you.**

*The president says a few words of welcome and introduces today's service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

Like the prodigal son,  
we have erred and strayed from God's ways like lost sheep.  
Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself,  
forgive + you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria

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

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

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 God  
the right hand of God the Father:  
receive our prayer.

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, Amen, A---men.

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

*Music by Chris Bell*

## **The Collect**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

#### **Ephesians 6: 1 - 9**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honour your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

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, Alleluia.*

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them and they follow me.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 2: 41 – 51a**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went

down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Creed**

Let us declare our faith in 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.**

**Intercessions**

Let us pray to God, our heavenly Father.

Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
Father of all,  
**hear your children's prayer.**

You have made your Church a spiritual family, a household of faith. Through baptism we are reborn as the brothers and sisters of Christ. Deepen our unity and fellowship in him.

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

You sent your Son to give his life as a ransom for the whole human family.

Give justice, peace and racial harmony to the world he died to save.

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

You gave your Son a share in the life of a family in Nazareth. Help us to value our families, to be thankful for them, and to live sensitively within them.

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

Your parents did not always understand you during your earthly ministry.

Help all those for whom fatherhood brings heartache and challenge, and grant them your strength and comfort.

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

Your Son healed the sick in mind and body, have mercy on all who are ill or who suffer for whatever cause. Especially we pray for.....

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

You are the God of the dead as well as of the living. In confidence we remember those of the household of faith who have gone before us, remembering especially..... Bring us with them to the joy of your home in heaven.

Father of all,

**hear your children's prayer.**

Merciful Father,

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Peace to you from God who is our Father.  
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another an appropriate sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

Our Father, by whose name all fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim each family thine own,  
Bless thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which thy people dwell.

As thou thy Child didst fill with wisdom, love, and might,  
To know and do thy will and teach thy ways aright,  
Our children bless, in ev'ry place,  
That they may all behold thy face,  
And, knowing thee, may grow in grace.

May thy strong Spirit bind our hearts in unity,  
And help us each to find the love from self set free.  
In all our hearts such love increase,  
That ev'ry home, by this release,  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

*Words by F. Bland Tucker  
Tune RHOSYMEDRE*



## 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 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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your Word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again, you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the Law and taught us  
by your prophets to look for your reign of justice and mercy.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Music by William Byrd*

Lord, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus taught us the way of salvation.  
Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us.  
Dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night you gave up your Son  
for us all he 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death**  
**rising you restored our life**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, Alphege and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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

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

As our saviour Jesus Christ commanded and taught us we are bold to say;

**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 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 was given for you, and feed on him with your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*These or other words may be said to those watching the service.*

For most of us participating at home, it may feel strange to be invited to Communion, not through the physical bread and wine we can touch, but in a Spiritual Communion with God who always comes to meet us wherever we are.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is true desire, lively faith and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may like to pray quietly using this prayer to help you:

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence. Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

*Confession of St Thomas Jn. 20:28*

*The celebrant raises the paten and chalice and says*

The Body and Blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **The Giving of Communion**

*Only the celebrant receives Communion under both kinds. Others present receive under the form of the consecrated bread.*

## **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.*

*Music by William Byrd*

## **Communion Motet**

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,[a]  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:[b]  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.[c]

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly  
banquet]  
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.*

*Music by William Byrd*

## Communion Hymn

Father we love you  
We worship and adore you  
Glorify your name In all the earth  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus we love you  
We worship and adore you  
Glorify your name ...

Spirit we love you  
We worship and adore you  
Glorify your name ...

*Words by Donna Adkins  
Tune GLORIFY YOUR NAME*

## Post Communion Prayer

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

### **Notices**

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

## **Final Hymn**

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along!  
For love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!

*Words by H. W. Baker  
Tune LAUDATE DOMINUM*

## **The Blessing**

The Lord God Almighty is our Father:  
**He loves us and tenderly cares for us.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:  
**He has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:  
**He will lead us in God's holy way.**

To God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
**All be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty +,  
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you evermore.

**Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, our thanksgiving is over.  
Let us depart in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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