

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

**The Eucharist in the Season of Creation
19th September 2021
10.30am
Order of Service**

In the book of Genesis we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good”. Rich, diverse and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory.

We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s creation. Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom and compassion, we are called to care for God’s creation.

During Creationtide the church celebrates the Creator and Creation. We also confess our neglect and misuse of creation and seek inspiration to find ways of living in balance with the world God sustains and loves.

Processional Hymn

The Gathering

The Greeting

President: God of our days and years,
 we set this time apart for you.
 Form us in the likeness of Christ
 so that our lives may glorify you.

All: Amen

In the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer

All: Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Prayer of Preparation

The earth is yours O Lord.

All You created it and gave it form

You called life out of chaos.

**All You made humankind in your image,
co-creators with you.**

You looked at all you had made and pronounced it good.

All Blessed be God forever!

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

A few moments or silence are kept

Let us confess our sins and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
+ forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Gloria

We stand to sing the 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

The president prays the Collect for the Day.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Proverbs 31. 10-end

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9. 30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon / Guest Speaker

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

With the whole Church

**All we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ
empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**All we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all Creation

**All we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
with unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Intercessions

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruits of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You gave us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You hold the world in your hands,
the hills and valleys, the rivers and oceans.
You give life to every creature, plant and tree,
the seed that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens in the spring.

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

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

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 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

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
In the words our Saviour 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 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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

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 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

The Choir sings the 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.

The Choir sings a motet during the Distribution.

Communion Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer

The president will pray this week's post-communion prayer.

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord of all creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus 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

The Blessing

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen

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