

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist for Ordinary Time

10.30am

Order of Service

Processional Hymn

The Gathering

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Today is a great day of celebration! Today, some of our children will receive our risen Lord Jesus Christ in the bread and wine of the eucharist. These children have been preparing for this with the encouragement of their families, learning a deeper understanding of what we do when we meet together for the breaking of bread.

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

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 God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Hebrews 4. 12-end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10. 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for

someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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

These words may be used at the end of the Intercessions:

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Rite of Admission to Holy Communion

President: As we prepare to admit these children to the Eucharistic meal, I invite them to come and face the congregation.

The tutors then say to the president:

**Tutors: On behalf of this community we present to you these young people
to be admitted to the fellowship of the Lord's table.**

President: Have they completed faithfully and diligently their course of preparation?

Tutors: They have.

To the children the president says:

Today is a joyful occasion that marks an important stage in your Christian journey which began at Baptism. You have spent many weeks in careful preparation for this occasion; I am now going to ask you three questions about your Christian belief.

Do you believe in God the Father, who gives you life, knows you by name and loves you?

Candidates: I do.

Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ, who loves you, who died and has given you a new life by rising again?

Candidates: I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who is alive in you and makes you holy?

Candidates: I do.

This we all believe

All: We believe in God the creator who gives us life, in Jesus who gives us new life and in the Holy Spirit who makes us holy.

The president speaks to the children:

We come now to this solemn moment when I must now ask our young friends if they really and truly desire to receive the sacrament of holy communion.

N.....do you want to be admitted to the Sacrament of the Eucharist and receive the Risen Jesus truly and really present in holy communion?

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Addressing the congregation, the president asks

People of God, these children are members of our Christian family. On behalf of the whole people of God, I ask : are you ready to welcome with joy our young friends as communicant members of the Church?

Congregation: In the Lord's name we welcome them.

President: In the name of our Bishops, David and Anne, I admit you to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May God bless you as you continue with us on the pilgrim journey of faith.

As a sign of our welcome and as a reminder of this happy day we give to each of you a cross, a reminder that you need never feel alone. We pray that as you look upon the cross of Jesus you will come to know how much the Lord loves you.

We ask you to accept this gift with our love and as a sign of our welcome and fellowship in the name of the God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The community expresses its joy and welcome in the traditional manner as the crosses are distributed.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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

Offertory Hymn

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

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.
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Alphege... and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All 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.

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Lord,
 we have broken your bread
 and received your life.
 By the power of your Spirit
 keep us always in your love;**

**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

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✝ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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