

**Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull**



**Sung Eucharist**

**The Eucharist for Christ the King**

**21<sup>st</sup> November 10.30am**

# Processional Hymn

## The Gathering

### The Greeting

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

### 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

The kingdom is yours,  
but we turn away from your just rule:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,  
but we trust in our own power and strength:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,  
but we fall short of the glory of God:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is kept*

## **Absolution**

May God our Father + forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints forever.

**All Amen**

## **Gloria**

*We stand to sing the Gloria.*

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

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father.  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.**

We worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
And 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,  
**have mercy on us;**  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer,  
**receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on  
earth.**

You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on  
earth.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Music by Martin How*

## The Collect

*The president prays the Collect for the Day.*

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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

### Revelation 1. 4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*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 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **John 18. 33b-37**

Pilate asked Jesus 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

*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.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace**

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn**

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God.

who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

**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.**

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.

And now we give you thanks  
because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son,  
as the eternal priest and King of all.  
As a priest he offered up his life on the cross,  
that by his one sacrifice he might present to you  
an eternal kingdom;  
a kingdom of truth and life;  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

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:

*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.

*Music by Harold Darke*

Accept our praises heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
as we follow his example and obey his command,  
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

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:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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**

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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## The Invitation

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.  
The Lord our God has entered into the kingdom.

**Blessed are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

*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.

*Music by Harold Darke*

The Choir sings a motet during the Distribution: Lift up your Heads, o ye Gates  
by Mathias.

## **Communion Hymn**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth  
the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Lord, we have broken your bread  
and received 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**

May God's countenance shine on the story of your life.

May God's mercy earth the roots of your life.

May God's embrace meet the yearning of your life.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the + Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Following God's saints in the ways

of holiness and truth,

go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Organ Voluntary: O Ewigkeit* by Karg-Elert

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