

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist for the Easter Season

**15th May 10.30am
Order of Service**

Processional Hymn – 392 – Lights Abode

The Gathering

The Greeting

✝ 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.

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

The Confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

President: May the God of love and power

✝ forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

Choir

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

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

Choir

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

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

Choir

We worship you,

All Glory in the highest

Choir

Give you thanks

All Glory in the highest

Choir

Praise you for your glory.

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

Choir

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,

All Have mercy on us;

Choir

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer,

All Receive our prayer.

Choir

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

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

Choir

For 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 glory of God the Father.

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

Amen.

(Music by Peter Jones)

The Collect

The president prays the Collect for the Day.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

First Reading

Acts 11. 1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey,

reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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 and Congregation sing the Gospel acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13. 31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles:

this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers may end with:

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn - 402 - Lord enthroned

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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
Herbert Howells*

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 Alphege, Helen, Michael 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.**
We sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

The Invitation

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

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
Herbert Howells*

The Giving of Communion

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

The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.

I love all beauteous things – Judith Weir

Communion Hymn – 73 – Bread of heaven on thee we feed

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

**All God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
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.

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president says

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **All Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final Hymn – 493 – O Jesus I have promised

Organ Voluntary: Trionfo della vita - Franz Wagner