

# **Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull**



## **Choral Eucharist**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**10.30am**

**Order of Service  
for the Season of Eastertide**

**Easter 6**

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

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,  
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;  
sing to him who found the ransom,  
Ancient of eternal Days,  
God of God, the Word incarnate,  
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

2 Ere he raised the lofty mountains,  
formed the seas, or built the sky,  
love eternal, free, and boundless,  
moved the Lord of life to die,  
fore-ordained the Prince of princes  
for the throne of Calvary.

3 There, for us and our redemption,  
see him all his life-blood pour!  
There he wins our full salvation,  
dies that we may die no more;  
then, arising, lives for ever,  
reigning where he was before.

*Words by Job Hupton and J Neale  
Music by Joachim Neander*

## 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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

*We keep silence*

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.**

## Absolution

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.

**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.*

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.*

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.

*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

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;

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.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Either or Both of the Readings may be used.*

### **First Reading**

#### **Acts 10: 44 - end**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

#### **1 John 5: 1 - 6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth

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.*

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

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **John 15: 9 - 17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

**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**

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.**

## Offertory Hymn

*1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong Defender,  
liftest up Thy people's head.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Jesus, true and living Bread!*

*2 Prince of Life, for us Thou livest,  
by Thy body souls are healed;  
Prince of Peace, Thy peace Thou givest,  
by Thy blood is pardon sealed.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Word of God in flesh revealed.*

*3 Paschal Lamb! Thine offering finished  
once for all when Thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.*

*Words by G. H. Bourne  
Music by George Martin*

## 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 on this night of our redemption  
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:

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 Gabriel Faure*

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.

**Amen.**

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

## **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.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 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, you take away the sin of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of  
the world, grant us peace.*

*Music by Gabriel Faure*

## **Communion Motet**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my  
disciples.

*John 13: 34 - 35*

*Music by Peter Aston*

## Communion Hymn

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.

### *Refrain*

True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
Love bears all things, love is eternal.  
True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
Love bears all things, love is eternal.

### *Refrain*

*Words John 13 and 15  
Music arr. Andrew Moore*

## Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**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.*

### Final Hymn

1 We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

2 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

3 Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

4 Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*Words by Edward Burns  
Music by William Gardiner*

### The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

**Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary: *Toccata from Suite Gothique* – Boellmann