Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist for Ordinary Time

19th and 26th November 2023 Order of Service

Processional Hymn - 81 (19th Nov), 92 (26th Nov)

The Gathering

The Greeting

 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 All Amen.

	Lord be with you.
All	and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

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.

The Choir and Congregation 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,

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)

All: Have mercy on us;

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1

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. **All Alleluia.**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All Glory to you, O Lord.

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 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who 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.

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.

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

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

Offertory Hymn - 54 (19th Nov), 671 (26th Nov)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said. The president takes the bread and wine.

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 that we should always sing your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice to your creation we glorify your name, forever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.God of power and might.Heaven and earth are full of your glory,Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

Music by Ireland (19th Nov) Caesar (26th Nov)

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 the Blessèd Virgin Mary, 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.

We sit.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. All 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. All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The celebrant raises the paten and chalice and says

The Body and Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

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 Ireland (19th Nov) Caesar (26th Nov)

The Giving of Communion

The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.

Listen sweet dove – Ives (19th Nov) King of Glory – Harris (26th Nov)

Communion Hymn – 34 (19th Nov) 634 (t1) (26th Nov)

Post-Communion Prayer

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

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

The Blessing

The president uses a seasonal blessing, or the following

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do your will, that you may reign with him in glory; 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.

Final Hymn – 740 (v4) (19th Nov) 376 (v1) (26th Nov)

Organ Voluntary: Intrada – Ives (19th Nov) Fantasia in G Minor (BWV 542) – JS Bach (26th Nov)

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