

**Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull**



**Sung Eucharist**

**The Eucharist for Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Passion Sunday**

**17th March, 10.30am  
Order of Service**



## The Gathering

### The Greeting

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

**All**                **Amen**

*The president greets the people with the following words:*

Welcome in the name of Christ  
God's grace, mercy and peace 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 these commandments which God has given to his people,  
and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in  
truth.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.  
You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.  
Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are  
above, not on things that are on the earth.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Honour your father and mother.  
Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all,  
especially members of the household of faith.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
Let everyone speak the truth.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.  
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:  
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*A minister introduces time of quiet reflection*

God shows his love for us  
    in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All**      **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**      **Lord, have mercy.**

*We sing the Kyrie Eleison to a traditional Ukrainian chant.*

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chri - - ste e - lei - son. Chri - - ste e - lei - son.

The first system of the musical score is written for two voices, Soprano (top staff) and Bass (bottom staff), in the key of D major (three sharps). The Soprano part begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and B4, then a half note on C5. The Bass part begins with a dotted quarter note on D3, followed by eighth notes on E3 and F3, then a half note on G3. The lyrics are: 1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. 2 Chri - - ste e - lei - son. Chri - - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.  
Chri - - ste e - lei - - - - son.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody. The Soprano part has a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and B4, then a half note on C5. The Bass part has a dotted quarter note on D3, followed by eighth notes on E3 and F3, then a half note on G3. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son. Chri - - ste e - lei - - - - son.

## 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.

**All** Amen

*The president prays the Collect for the Day.*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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**

**First Reading - Jeremiah 31.31-34**

*At the end of the reading:*

**All** This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Response: repeat after cantor, then once after every verse:



Have mercy on me O God in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**All A pure heart create in me O God**

A pure heart create for me O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

**All A pure heart create in me O God**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners may return to you.

**All A pure heart create in me O God**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 5.5-10**

*At the end of the reading:*

**All This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as able.*

*The Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel Acclamation.*



Verse



Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end of the Gospel reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All**      Though he was divine,  
             he did not cling to equality with God,  
             but made himself nothing.  
             Taking the form of a slave,  
             he was born in human likeness.  
             He humbled himself  
             and was obedient to death,  
             even the death of the cross.  
             Therefore God has raised him on high,  
             and given him the name above every name:  
             that at the name of Jesus  
             every knee should bow,  
             and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
             to the glory of God the Father.  
             Amen.

Intercessions

*One of the following responses may be used:*

             Lord, in your mercy  
**All**      Hear our prayer  
             or  
             Lord, hear us  
**All**      Lord, graciously hear us.

*The prayers may end with:*

             Merciful Father,  
**All**      Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
             our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*We stand.*

*The president introduces the Peace with a seasonal greeting.*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Chris Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn - 648

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you and al-so with you.

or The Lord is here. His Spi-rit 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.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff corresponds to a line of text. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff is preceded by the word 'or'. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The fourth and fifth staves also have a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.  
The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.  
He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
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 Sumsion*

*We sit or kneel*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All** 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.

**All** we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

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.

**All** We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



## The Giving of Communion

### Agnus Dei

*Whilst those helping with the administration receive, 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 Sumsion*

*We are all invited to draw near to God today. If you, or your children, regularly receive the bread and wine at any Christian church, you are most welcome to do so. If you do not usually receive the bread and wine, or prefer not to do so today, you are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. If you do this, you may want to hold your hands together in prayer so that we know your intention. Thank you.*

*The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution:*

Hide not thou thy face - Farrant

**Communion Hymn - 190**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## Dismissal

### Notices

*The celebrant will give the details of any particularly important notices and read any Banns of Marriage.*

### The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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 the peace of Christ,

**All    Thanks be to God.**

**Final Hymn – 389 (omit\*)**

*Organ Voluntary*

Master Tallis's Testament – Howells



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