

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



**Easter Day
Choral Eucharist
11.00am**

Opening Hymn - 110

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 with thy spirit.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ,
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

We keep silence

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In thy mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with thee, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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.

Gloria

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by the choir in English or Latin.

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

God of glory,

by the raising of your Son

you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open

in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading - Luke 24: 13-35

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 118: 1-2, 14-24

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious; * because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, * and that his mercy endureth for ever.

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song; * and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the preeminence; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; * but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness, * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, * the righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me, * and art become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders refused, * is become the head-stone in the corner.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, * and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Acts – 10. 34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand as able. The Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel Acclamation.



Praise to you, O Christ, king of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

Verse



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are the Christ everlasting
Born for us all of a Virgin
You have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The celebrant sprinkles the people with water as a sign of renewal and reaffirmation of our baptismal promises. Please stand.

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.**

Intercessions

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All: hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**All: 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.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn - 105

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.

All: Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you and with thy spi-rit.

or
The Lord is here. His Spi-rit is with us.

Lift _ up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting god,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

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 in English or Latin:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee
O Lord most high.

Music by
Schubert

We sit

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy 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 thy divine majesty,
renew us by thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with thy love,
and unite us in the body of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee
O Father Almighty,
world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.

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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The celebrant raises the paten and chalice and says

The Body and Blood of Christ.

All: 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.*

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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.

Hallelujah – Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
The Kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever
King of Kings for ever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords
For ever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
King of Kings
For ever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
And Lord of Lords
For ever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

**All: Almighty God,
we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

Dismissal

Notices

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All: Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

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, Alleluia, Alleluia

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

Final Hymn - 120

Organ Voluntary – Finale from Symphony No.1 – Vierne

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