



***All Age Eucharist
on the Third Sunday after Pentecost***



St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 9th June 2024 at 9.15am

THE GREETING

In my head (touch head)
in my heart (touch heart)
and all around me (touch shoulders one by one)
Jesus is here (open hands in front, facing upwards)
Amen.

We say together:

All: **In my head** (*touch head*)
in my heart (*touch heart*)
and all around me (*touch shoulders one by one*)
Jesus is here (*open hands in front, facing upwards*)
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Please sit

The President introduces the service.

WE SAY SORRY

Sometimes we make good choices, but there are times when we make wrong choices. Sometimes we do and say things that hurt others and hurt God's world. Sometimes we choose to do nothing instead of taking action. Sometimes we choose to turn away from God.

Let's be still and ask God to come close to us as we say sorry for all our wrong choices.

We keep a moment of stillness.

Your love gives us life from the very beginning. We fail to live as your children.

All sing Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Have mercy on us all.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.

All sing Christ our Lord have mercy on us,
Christ our Lord have mercy on us,
Christ our Lord have mercy on us,
Have mercy on us all.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.

All sing Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Jesus Lord have mercy on us,
Have mercy on us all.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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.

COLLECT PRAYER

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – HON 165 For I'm building a people of power

THE GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-8

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

John 3:1-8 read from International Children's Bible (New Century Version)

There was a man named Nicodemus who was one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. 2 One night Nicodemus came to Jesus. He said, 'Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do the miracles you do unless God is with him.'

3 Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth. Unless a person is born again, he cannot be in God's kingdom.'

4 Nicodemus said 'But if a man is already old, how can he be born again? He cannot enter his mother's body again. So how can he be born a second time.'

5 But Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth. Unless a person is born from water and the Spirit he cannot enter God's kingdom. 6 A person's body is born from human parents. But a person's spiritual life is born from the Spirit. 7 Don't be surprised when I tell you, "You must all be born again." 8 The wind blows wherever it wants to go. You hear the wind blow. But you don't know where the wind comes from or where it is going. It is the same with every person who is born from the Spirit.'

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ

Junior Choristers sit in the nave of the church

THE TALK

WE BELIEVE
Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We remain in our places and offer one another a sign of peace.

Junior Choristers return to sit in the chancel

OFFERTORY SONG – HON 387 Let your living water flow

Refrain after verse 1: Father, Father, Father
Refrain after verse 2: Spirit, Spirit, Spirit
Refrain after verse 3: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Refrain after verse 4: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Father, Father, Father,
Spirit, Spirit, Spirit

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

1st Young Person Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
All Listen, and we will hear

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,

and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your pow'r and might.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

Please sit

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

2nd Young Person Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear**

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

3rd Young Person How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear**

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Alphege... and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's children, loved and cherished, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president 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.**

All join in singing the words in bold:

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

Jesus, Word made flesh, bearer of our sins:

All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

All Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Morning Star, Jesus, Prince of Peace:

All Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

All Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of kings, Jesus, Lord of all:

All Jesus, Lamb of God, give us your peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We receive communion.

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 today.*

*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.*

The Junior Choristers sing HON 60 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

SONG DURING COMMUNION – Songs of Fellowship 1547 Consuming Fire

**There must be more than this:
O Breath of God, come breathe within.
There must be more than this:
Spirit of God, we wait for you.
Fill us anew, we pray;
Fill us anew, we pray.**

***Consuming fire, fan into flame
A passion for your name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place.
Lord, have your way,
Lord, have your way
with us.***

**Come like a rushing wind,
Clothe us in power from on high.
Now set the captives free;
Leave us abandoned to your praise.
Lord, let your glory fall;
Lord, let your glory fall.**

***Consuming fire, fan into flame
A passion for your name.
Spirit of God, fall in this place.
Lord, have your way,
Lord, have your way
with us.***

Tim Hughes (born 1978)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts;
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

NOTICES AND BANNIS

The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.

Please stand if you are able

FINAL SONG – HON 652 The Spirit lives to set us free (vs 1, 3, 4 & 6)

THE BLESSING

May the God of grace
guard your going out and your coming home,
keep you as you work and as you play,
as you think and as you act,
as you listen and as you talk,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, this day and always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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