

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

**Parade Service for St. George  
In the Easter Season**

**27th April 10.30am  
Order of Service**

*Organ prelude: Crown Imperial – William Walton.*

## **Processional Hymn – HON719**

*‘When a knight won his spurs’*

*Flags are paraded into church and placed at the high altar.*

## **The Gathering**

### **The Greeting**

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

**All** and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Words of welcome or introduction.*

### **Call to worship**

Take up the whole armour of God.  
Fasten the belt of truth about your waist.  
Put on the breastplate of righteousness.  
As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready  
to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
Take the shield of faith.  
Take the helmet of salvation  
and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. *(Ephesians 6.13-17)*

### **The Confession**

St George was brave! He stood up for Jesus and for what was right;  
he risked his life fighting the dragon and setting people free from fear;  
he died for Jesus and for his Christian friends.

Let us take a few moments to remember the times we have not been  
brave and confess them.

*Short silence.*

Dear God, We are not as brave as we would like to be.  
We remember the times when we have run away, or got angry or panicky,  
or turned our back when you wanted us to speak the truth and hold firm.  
We know you love us and want us to be our best selves,  
so we ask you to wipe out those times and to fill us with your peace.  
Help us to know that you are always at our side  
so that we don't need to be afraid.  
Show us how to overcome evil with good,  
like Jesus did, and like St George.

**All    Amen.**

### **The 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.**

*Please stand to sing the Gloria.*

### **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
And 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 to God in the highest,  
And 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 the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.**

**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 Father.  
Amen! Amen!  
Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.**

*Music by Marty Haugen*

## The Collect

*The president prays the Collect for the Day.*

God of hosts,  
who so kindled the flame of love  
in the heart of your servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:  
give us the same faith and power of love  
that we who rejoice in his triumphs  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
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.

**All    Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for our first reading.*

**First Reading**  
Acts 5.27-32

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All    Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the hymn.*

**Gradual Hymn – HON555**  
‘Praise to the Lord’ (Psalm 150)

*Please sit for our second reading.*

**Second Reading**  
Revelation 12.7-12

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for our Gospel reading.*

*We sing the Gospel acclamation.*



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**All Alleluia, 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.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

**The Gospel**  
John 20.19-end

*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 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.

## Prayers of Intercession

*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 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

## Offertory Hymn – HON499

‘O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder’

### 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.**

*Young people are invited to gather around the altar table.*

### 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.**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 happy times  
and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.

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

**All** 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 Chris Bell*

*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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



3<sup>rd</sup> 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, St. George, and all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**All    Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

### **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.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All    Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## The Invitation

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*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 Giving of Communion

### Agnus Dei

*Whilst those helping with the administration receive, we sing 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  
Dom Gregory Murray

*Whilst people come forward to receive, we sing the Communion hymn.*

*We remain seated.*

## Communion Hymn – HON9

‘Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord’

## Post-Communion Prayer

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

Eternal God,  
who gave us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of your martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil  
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**     **Amen.**

**All**     **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 shares important notices and reads any Banns of Marriage.*

## The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All      He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The president says*

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.

**All      Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*We stand to sing the final hymn. During the hymn the flags are collected from the High Altar and paraded from the church.*

**Final Hymn – HON683**  
**‘To God be the glory’**

*Organ Voluntary: Allegro Marziale – Frank Bridge.*

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