

All Age Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost



St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 8th June 2025 at 9.15am

GATHERING HYMN – HON 97 Colours of day

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE BIBLE READING: from Acts 2: 1-40

Junior Choristers and Worship Band sit in the nave of the church

We are now going to hear a song that tells us the bible story of the first day of Pentecost, remembering how the Holy Spirit came to the apostles and disciples.

Show YouTube video of Blowing Wind And Tongues Of Flame by Sam Hargreaves and Bob Hartman from The Rhyming Bible <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBQyw_IWc_A</u>

THE TALK

THE PARISH PUPPETS

The Parish Puppets sing the song: "Great Tongues of Fire"

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

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.

I st Young PersonWhy is it right to give thanks and praise?AllListen, 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 PersonWhy do we share this bread and wine?AllListen, 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 PersonHow do we follow Jesus Christ?AllListen, 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.

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

Come to this table, not because you must, but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

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.

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

SONG DURING COMMUNION – SoF 1562 This is the air I breath

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe; your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread; your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

NOTICES AND BANNS

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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