

# **Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull**



## **Eucharist for the Whole Church Family**



## **Summertime Season of Pentecost (No Choir)**

**Order of Service  
for Sundays 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July;  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

# The Gathering

**Processional Hymn**  
*(see Pewslip)*

## The Greeting

✙ In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All**        **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**All**

*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 the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says  
to all who truly turn to him:  
God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish  
but have eternal life.

*John 3.16*

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.  
As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

**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 you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your 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 you, our God.  
Amen.**

## The Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon 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.**

## *The Congregation sing the **Gloria***

Glory, glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth,  
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, glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth,  
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  
God the right hand of God the Father:  
receive our prayer.

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, A---men.

Glory, glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth,  
peace to his people on earth.

*Music by Chris Bell*

## **The Collect**

*The president prays the Collect for the Day.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

*From 27/7 - 31/8 a story series for all ages exploring God's covenant with Abraham and what followed after. Children may be invited to come forward.*

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

*Children and young people are invited to join Sunday Club if they wish, which runs at the back of church (southwest corner).*

## Psalm

(Please see separate sheet  
or Pewslip hymn number)

## Second Reading

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel

*Please stand as able. The Gospel acclamation is sung:*



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

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Cf John 14.6*

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

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

**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* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**of all that is,**  
**seen and unseen.**

*All* We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
**God from God, Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
*All* **Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
*All* **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**  
**he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
*All* **he ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will have no end.**

*All* We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
*All* **With the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
*All* **We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

*All* We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers may end with:*

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

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*We stand.*

God is love  
and those who live in love live in God  
and God lives in them.

**All**      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn *(see Pewslip)*

*During this hymn the children and young people return to their families/carers.*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.*

*Children may be invited to come forward and gather round the altar table.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All**      The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All**     **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**All**     **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All**     **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All**     **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All**     **As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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 Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**



*We sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## 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

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 loves you  
And gave himself for you.

*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**

*Whilst those helping with the administration receive, we sing the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*Music: Dom Gregory Murray*

*Instrumental or organ music may be played during the administration. We may also sing a Communion hymn.*

**Communion Hymn**  
*(see Pewslip)*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*The celebrant reads the post-communion prayer for the day, followed by:*

**All      Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Dismissal

## Parish Notices

**Final Hymn**  
*(see Pewslip)*

## The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

*Music details in the Pewslip.*

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