

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist for the Season of Creation

*In the book of Genesis we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good.”
Rich, diverse, and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory.*

*We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s creation.
Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom, and compassion,
we are called to care for God’s creation.*

*During the Season of Creation the Church celebrates the Creator and Creation.
We also confess our neglect and misuse of Creation and seek inspiration
to find ways of living in balance with the world God sustains and loves.*

Order of Service with choir

7th, 21st, 28th September and 5th October

Processional Hymn

The Gathering

The Greeting

All In the name of God,
✚ Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.
Amen.

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

All The earth is yours O Lord.
You created it and gave it form.

All You called life out of chaos.
**You made humankind in your image,
co-creators with you.**

All You looked at all you had made and pronounced it good.
Blessed be God forever!

All: God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

Silence is kept

Let us confess our sins and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

May the God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
+ forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

*The Choir and Congregation sing the **Gloria***

15th and 22nd September – Martin How, Music for Holy Communion

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

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.
**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**

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,
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer,
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Music by Martin How

29th September and 6th October – Marty Haugen, Mass of Creation

**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,
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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 president prays the Collect for the Day.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*please see Pewslip for the psalm 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 Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel acclamation.



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

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.

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

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

All With the whole Church
**we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ
empowered by the Spirit.**

All With people everywhere
**we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

All With all Creation
**we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
with unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

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.

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruits of the vine.

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.**

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You gave us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You hold the world in your hands,
the hills and valleys, the rivers and oceans.
You give life to every creature, plant and tree,
the seed that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens in the spring.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.

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 Alphege, Helen, Michael, and all your saints
we give glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

We sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

All Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.
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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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, 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.

The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.

Communion Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer

The president will pray this week's post-communion prayer.

All Lord of all creation,
as we have received the bread and wine,
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn

The Blessing

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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