

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist for Advent

Sundays 30th November,
7th and 21st December 2025

Order of Service

Setting:

30/11 – Stanford in Bb

7/12 – Oldroyd in D

21/12 – Sumsion in F

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

All We bless you, O Lord our God,
whose light the darkness can never put out,
whose life is the light of all that lives.
Shine upon us as we wait in hope this day. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent (Hope)

Our first candle stands for The Patriarchs
such as Abraham, our father in faith,
and David who like Jesus was also born in Bethlehem.
We are reminded that Jesus is our hope
and that the light will come and conquer the darkness.

The first candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today. Amen.

or

Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

Our second candle stands for The Prophets
who helped to spread the joyful news of God's coming kingdom.
As we await Christ's coming in glory and judgement
let us pray that we may be found ready and watchful.

The second candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:

All Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.

or

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)

Our fourth candle stands for the Virgin Mary
who, in her humility and faith, bore Christ into the world.
As we await the birth of our Saviour,
may we, like Mary, open our hearts to his coming.

The fourth candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:

All Lord Jesus, light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

After a time of stillness, the choir leads us in singing Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chri - - ste e - lei - son. Chri - - ste e - lei - son.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a choir. The first system has two staves, treble and bass, with lyrics for three parts: 1, 3 and 2. The second system continues the melody with a long note in the treble staff and a long note in the bass staff, both with lyrics.

Kyrie eleison: **Kyrie eleison**

Christe eleison: **Christe eleison**

Kyrie eleison: **Kyrie eleison**

The Absolution

May the God of love and life

✚ forgive you and free you from all your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and restore you to wholeness in Christ.

All Amen.

The Collect

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: 30/11-Ps 122; 7/12-Ps 72; 21/12- Ps 80 (*please see separate sheet*)

Second Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand. The Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel acclamation.



Verse



Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

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 **Holy, holy, holy**
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created**
and have their being.

We believe in God the son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,**
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'**
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Father, by your Spirit,
All **bring in your kingdom.**

The prayers may conclude as follows:

Lord of the Church,
All **hear our prayer,**
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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

All Blessed by 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.



The Lord is here. His Spi-rit is with us.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

Preface for 1st and 2nd Sundays:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Preface for 4th Sunday:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of 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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Blessèd Virgin Mary, Alphege, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

We sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,
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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 Invitation

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.

Agnus Dei

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 Giving of Communion

The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.

Communion Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer

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

We pray together:

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

Notices

Final Hymn

The Blessing

May God, the bringer of hope,
bless you with patience when the world weeps,
bless you with work that you may do your part,
bless you with prayer as you light your candle against the darkness.
And may God, ✚ the Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,
bless you this day and give you peace.

All **Amen.**

or

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending

As we await our coming Saviour,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

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

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