

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



“Behold the Lamb of God”

**Second Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 18th January 2026**

**Order of Service
For Choral Eucharist**

Setting: Missa Dixit Maria - Hassler

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

NEH 271

✚ 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 with thy spirit.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Gloria (Glory to God)

The Choir sings the Gloria (English translation below).

Gloria in excélsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,

gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex caelstis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe;

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;

qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,

Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

The Collect

Grateful for the glory revealed through God made flesh, let us pray.

A moment of stillness is kept, before the Collect is prayed and all respond:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
on God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the Psalm and Bible Readings (printed in Pewslip).

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm

The choir sings Psalm 40.1-12 (please see Pewslip insert).

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.

Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

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.

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;
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.

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;
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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

These responses may be used

(or)

All	Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.	All	Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.
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And at the end

All	Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
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The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand as able

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Offertory hymn NEH 343

Whilst we sing, the altar party move to the High Altar for the Prayer of Consecration. The altar table is prepared, and bread and wine brought and placed upon it representing the giving of our treasure, time, and talent to God's glory.

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

We remain standing, as able.

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.



Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
to see the radiance of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God Almighty.</i>
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Benedictus qui *Blessed is he*
venit in nomine Domini. *who comes in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

We sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Alphege and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
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,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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.**

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, you are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. If this is your intention you may want to hold your hands together in prayer so that we know. Thank you.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei while those administering Holy Communion receive.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The stewards will guide everyone when to come forward for communion or a blessing. You are welcome to come to the High Altar or St. Thomas' Chapel.

During the Distribution the choir sings the anthem:

'Behold the Lamb of God' by Handel

Communion Hymn
NEH 294 (omit v4)

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the president prays the post-communion prayer (see Pewslip).

We then pray together:

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn
NEH 338 (omit vs 2 and 3)

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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 have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

We are encouraged to remain to listen to the voluntary, if you need to leave before this has concluded, please do so quietly.