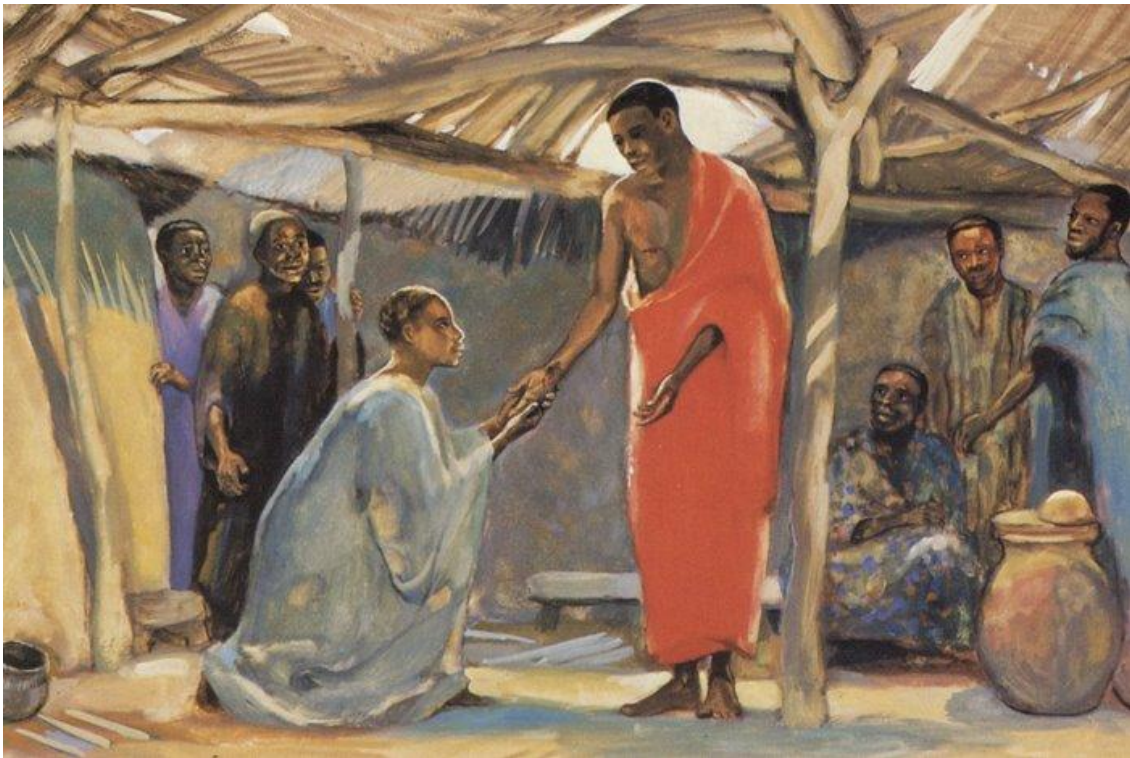


Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull



Jesus appears to Thomas
from the Christian Community in Cameroon

Eucharist
Second Sunday of Easter
(No Choir)

11am Order of Service
for Sunday 12th April 2026

Gloria & Sanctus: Bell; Agnus: Murray

The Gathering

The President welcomes the people and introduces the hymn.

Processional Hymn

HON 653 (tune 1): The strife is o'er

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All

The President introduces the service.

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

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence is kept

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the door of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Acts 2.14a, 22-32

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

HON 583: Sing to God new songs of worship

We remain seated.

Second Reading
1 Peter 1.3-9

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel
John 20.19-end

Please stand as able. The Gospel acclamation is sung:



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

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. *Revelation 1.17,18*

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel reading:

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our faith
In the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

HON 431: Love's redeeming work

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Wise and gracious God,
You spread a table before us;
Nourish your people with the word of life
And the bread of heaven

All **Amen.**

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.**

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

Trusting in the compassion of God, we pray
the prayer our Saviour taught us, in the language of our hearts:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Our Father in heaven...

我們在天上的父...

Tatăl nostru, Carele ești în ceruri...

हे हमारे पिता, तू जो स्वर्ग में है...

Vater unser im Himmel...

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 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 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.**

Instrumental or organ music may be played during the administration.

Communion Hymn

HON 310: In Christ alone

Post-Communion Prayer

The celebrant reads the post-communion prayer for the day:

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

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

HON 683: To God be the glory!

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary

Music details in the Pewslip.

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