

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



**Parade Service for St. George
In the Easter Season**

**28th April 11am
Order of Service**

Setting: Oldroyd

The Gathering

The President welcomes the people and announces the hymn.

Processional Hymn - HON550

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Flags are paraded into church and placed at the altar.

The Greeting

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

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The President invites the congregation to be seated and introduces the service.

Call to worship

Take up the whole armour of God.

Fasten the belt of truth about your waist.

Put on the breastplate of righteousness.

As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready
to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Take the shield of faith.

Take the helmet of salvation

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. *(Ephesians 6.13-17)*

The Confession

St George was brave!

He stood up for Jesus and for what was right;
he risked his life fighting the dragons of his day

helping to set people free from fear;

he died for Jesus and for his Christian friends.

Let us take a few moments to remember the times we have not been
brave and confess them.

Short silence.

Dear God, we are not as brave as we would like to be.
We remember the times when we have run away, or got angry or panicky,
or turned our back when you wanted us to speak the truth and hold firm.
We know you love us and want us to be our best selves,
so we ask you to wipe out those times and to fill us with your peace.
Help us to know that you are always at our side
so that we don't need to be afraid.
Show us how to overcome evil with good,
inspired by the example of St George, to follow Christ.

All Amen.

The Absolution

May the God of love and power
✚ forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We stand to sing the Gloria.

Gloria

**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,
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.
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 Collect

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Acts 2.42-end

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm – HON637
'The Lord's my shepherd' (Psalm 23)

We remain seated to sing the Psalm.

Second Reading
2 Timothy 2.3-13

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel
John 10.1-10

We stand for the Gospel reading.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All 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.

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:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

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

Our prayers are led today by 6th Solihull, St. Alphege.

The prayers may end with:

Merciful Father,

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

The Scouts Reading of Laws and Renewal of Promises

All from 6th St. Alphege stand

The Beaver Scout Promise:

All Beaver Scouts make the Scout sign:

**Beavers: I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God**

The Cub Scout Law:

*Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn every day*

The Cub Scout Promise:

All Cub Scouts make the Scout sign:

**Cubs: I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the King
To help other people
And to keep the Cub Scout Law**

The Scout Law:

A Scout is to be trusted

A Scout is loyal

A Scout is friendly and considerate

A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts

A Scout has courage in all difficulties

A Scout makes good use of his time

and is careful of possessions and property

A Scout has self-respect and respect for others

The Scout Promise:

*All Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Network Scouts and Adult Leaders
make the Scout sign:*

**Scouts: On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the King
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law.**

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn – HON290

'I danced in the morning'

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

Young people are invited to gather around the altar table.

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.**

1st Young Person Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

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

You give us happy times
and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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 the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit

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.

2nd Young Person Why do we share this bread and wine?

All Listen, and we will hear.

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.

3rd Young Person How do we follow Jesus Christ?

All Listen, and we will hear.

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

All Amen.

We sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.

The Breaking of Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

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 loved 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

Agnus Dei

Whilst those helping with the administration receive, we sing 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.*

Whilst people come forward to receive the choir sings the anthem.

Anthem

'The Lord is my shepherd' by Howard Goodall

Afterward we sing the Communion hymn (remaining seated).

Communion Hymn – HON60

'Be still for the presence'

Post-Communion Prayer

The president prays this week's post-communion prayer.

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr George:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Dismissal

Notices

The celebrant shares important notices and reads any Banns of Marriage.

Final Hymn – Special

'I sing a song of the saints of God'

We stand to sing. During the hymn the flags are collected from the High Altar and paraded to the back of the church.

**I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president says

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen 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.

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Organ Voluntary: Chorale Improvisation on 'Nun danket alle Gott'
(Now thank we all our God) by Siegfried Karg-Elert*

The altar party and choir recess during the voluntary.

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