



***All Age Eucharist
on the Feast of Pentecost***



St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 24th May 2026 at 9.30am

GATHERING HYMN – A&M 389 Spirit of God unseen as the wind

Chorus

**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.**

**1 You spoke to us, long, long ago,
Gave us the written Word;
We read it still, needing its truth
Through it God's voice is heard.**

Chorus

**2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
We cannot live his way,
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.**

Chorus

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THE GREETING

Welcome all, we begin by making the sign of the cross upon our bodies,
joining together in the words and actions on-screen:

All **In my head** (*touch head*)
 in my heart (*touch heart*)
 and all around me (*touch shoulders one by one*)
 Jesus is here (*open hands in front, facing upwards*)
 Amen.

Please sit

The President introduces the service.

WE SAY SORRY

God sent us his Holy Spirit and all that is wrong can be made right.

Let's be quiet for a minute and think about the things we have done, said and thought this week which have not been loving and have separated us from those around us, and from God.

We keep a moment of stillness.

Remembering God's mercy and compassion, let us confess our sins, using the words and actions on-screen.

(Hands held out in front of us, palms facing outwards.)

Loving God, for the times we have kept others at arms' length,

All Forgive us and help us.

(Hands curled into fists.)

For the times we have refused to share what we have,

All Forgive us and help us.

(Hands placed over heart.)

For the times we have only thought of ourselves,

All Forgive us and help us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

(Hands with palms facing upwards.)

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

God have mercy on you,

+ pardon you

and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven

and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in life eternal.

All Amen.

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GRADUAL SONG – HON 595 Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;
melt us, mould us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us;**

Daniel Iverson (1890-1972)

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THE BIBLE READING: from Acts 2: 1-40

We are now going to hear a song that tells us the bible story of the first day of Pentecost, remembering how the Holy Spirit came to the apostles and disciples.

Show YouTube video of Blowing Wind And Tongues Of Flame by Sam Hargreaves and Bob Hartman from The Rhyming Bible

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBQyw_IWc_A

THE TALK

Let us all stand and affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ using the Makaton signs on the starred words:

**We believe in God* the Father*,
from whom every family*
in heaven* and on earth* is named.**

**We believe in God* the Son*,
who lives in our hearts* through faith*,
and fills* us with his love*.**

**We believe in God* the Holy* Spirit*,
who strengthens* us
with power* from on high*.**

**We believe in one* God*,
Father*, Son* and Holy* Spirit*. Amen*.**

To be read by children whilst the congregation sing the Taizé chant 'Veni, Sancte Spiritus'

Leader Filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

1. For the Church

Reader 1 Come, Holy Spirit, and fill your Church with courage and joy.
Help us to share your love in ways that everyone can understand.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

2. For the world

Reader 1 Come, Holy Spirit, and bring peace where there is conflict,
understanding where people are divided,
and hope where there is fear.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

3. For our communities

Reader 2 Come, Holy Spirit, and bless our families, friends, schools, and
workplaces.
Help us to listen to one another and to care for those in need.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

4. For those in need

Reader 2 Come, Holy Spirit, and comfort those who are sad, lonely, sick, or
afraid.
Surround them with your healing and your peace.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

5. For young people and children

Reader 3 Come, Holy Spirit, and guide all children and young people.
Help them grow in wisdom, kindness, and confidence in your love.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

6. *For ourselves*

Reader 3 Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with your gifts:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.

All Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Leader Faithful God, you sent your Spirit to bring life and light to the world.
Hear our prayers and make us faithful witnesses to your love.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We remain in our places and offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY SONG – HON 644 There is a redeemer

1 There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Chorus

Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain:

Chorus

3 When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
in that holy place.

Chorus

Melody Green (born 1946), verse 3 by Keith Green (1953-1982)
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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

Children are invited to come forward and 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.

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 pow'r and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your pow'r and might.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

Please sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's children, loved and cherished, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president 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.**

All join in singing:

**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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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 receive communion. 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 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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 60 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

David J Evans (born 1957)

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SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 557 Purify my heart

**1 Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.**

Chorus
**Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my master,
ready to do your will.**

**2 Purify my heart,
cleans me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin,
deep within.
*Chorus***

Brian Doerksen (born 1965)
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

NOTICES AND BANNIS

The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.

FINAL SONG – Open hands ask for you to come (Move)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tNr6OkkHZg>

**Open hands ask for you to come
Open hearts wait for you to come
My soul is longing for the Spirit of God to come
Yeah, we're all longing for the Spirit of God to come**

Chorus

**Move in my heart, move in my mind
Pour your love and power inside
Move in my day, move in my night
You're the One I need in my life**

**When you come I'll never be the same
In your pow'r I'm feeling brave again
My soul is longing for the Spirit of God to come**

Chorus

**Spirit of God, breathe upon us
We are here for you, so fill us up again
So fill us up again**

Chorus x 2

Nick & Becky Drake

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THE BLESSING

May the God of grace
guard your going out and your coming home,
keep you as you work and as you play,
as you think and as you act,
as you listen and as you talk,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, this day and always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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