

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Let everything
Everything
THAT HAS BREATH
PRAISE THE LORD
PSALM 150:6

**Choral Eucharist for Bell Sunday
the Sunday After Ascension
11am 17th May 2026**



*New English Hymnal
Setting: Spatzenmesse - Mozart*

The Gathering

The celebrant welcomes the congregation and announces the hymn.

Opening hymn – Ring out ye bells (Tune NEH475)

Ring out! Ye bells below, your thrilling notes entwine,
Let music heav'nward flow to blend with peals divine.
God's praises sound and without fault his name exalt with ev'ry round.

Then go! Ye ringers good, your captain now obey,
his lead if understood will guide each perfect sway.
Thus more and more with ear and sight and art and might his name adore.

Oh, may our bells be heard, their message is so clear:
"O come and hear God's Word, O come! And worship here.
Stay not away. Come! Come! We call, we welcome all, this holy day."

So let our changing bells Christ's mystic life portray,
As coming round foretells of his returning day.
The Great Bell tolled with solemn lay calls souls astray back to the fold.

And when life's peal we cease and come at last to rest,
May heav'nly bells of peace acclaim us with the blest.
Each part rung true, ours now the prize in Christ, to rise and ring anew.

Ring out! Ye bells above, let all the earth resound,
till ev'ry sphere in love and harmony be bound.
And worship Thee; O Father, Son and Spirit, one in Trinity.

Words: George Campbell Grills

The president says

✝ 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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

President: 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.

The Gloria

The Choir sings the Gloria. The congregation are invited to sit.

Gloria in excelsis 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 caelestis, 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 be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

The president prays seasonal prayer for this seventh Sunday of Easter.

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Prayer for Bell Sunday

Incline your ears, O Lord, to our prayers, and grant
that as the bells of your Church sound in this parish,
so the hearts of those who hear them
may be awakened to worship you,
that the faith and devotion of Christian people
may be increased to the greater glory of your Holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1 verses 6-14.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm
Psalm 68.1-10

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered *
let them also that hate him flee before him.
Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away *
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish
at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God *
let them also be merry and joyful.
O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name *
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse;
praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.
He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows *
even God in his holy habitation.
He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,
and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity *
but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
O God, when thou wentest forth before the people *
when thou wentest through the wilderness,
The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God *
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
who is the God of Israel.
Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance *
and refreshedst it when it was weary.
Thy congregation shall dwell therein *
for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of Peter chapter 4 verses 12-14, and chapter 5
verses 6-11.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel
John 13.31-35

Please stand as able. The Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel Acclamation.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

All 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 the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Commissioning

Any bellringers present not already standing are invited to stand.

Bellringers, will you dedicate your energy and skills
that you may always ring to the glory of God?

With the help of God, we will.

All musicians and music makers are invited to stand.

Singers, instrumentalists and music makers,
will you dedicate your energy and skills
that you may always sing and play to the glory of God?

With the help of God, we will.

The whole congregation is invited to stand.

People of God, will you dedicate yourselves to the glory of God,
so that your souls sing and your whole lives ring out to His praise?
With the help of God, we will.

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

We sit.

One of the following responses may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer **All** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers may end with:

All Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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 - 271

Alleluya, sing to Jesus

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.**

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.**



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.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

And now we give thee thanks
that, after he had ascended far above the heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of thy majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church thy holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power
the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee 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	<i>Blessed is he</i>
venit in nomine Domini.	<i>who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

We sit.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 Alphege, Dunstan, Mary, Katherine, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We are all invited to draw near to God today.

The administration (of bread, wine, and prayers of blessing) is offered at both the altar rail (High Altar) either standing or kneeling, and at the font (West End) standing. You are welcome to receive from either place and stewards will help to direct you. We are also happy to come to you (in the pew) if that is easier for you – please alert the steward.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Anthem

Whilst the people come forward to receive, the choir sings the Anthem:

'Lift up your heads' from Messiah – by George Frideric Handel.

Communion Hymn – 302

O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

We say the following prayer together.

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

Dismissal

Notices

The celebrant gives details of any particularly important notices and reads any Banns of Marriage.

Closing Hymn - 134

The head that once was crowned with thorns

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president says

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
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: Fantasia in C by William Byrd

The ministry of Prayer and Anointing for healing is offered to individuals seeking this from St. Antony's Chapel at the conclusion of the service.

All are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service. These are served from the back of church.

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