

# Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull



*Pentecost, by Soichi Wantanabe*

## **The Eucharist for the Day of Pentecost 24th May, 11am Order of Service**

*Music Setting: Gloria and Sanctus by Chris Bell; Agnus by DG Murray*

# The Gathering

## Processional Hymn

Come down O love divine; HON102

✝ In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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.**

## Introduction

*The president welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord  
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.  
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.  
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.  
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us  
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.  
We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.  
And now, with the followers of his own time,  
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people,  
through whom we make Christ known to the world.

## The Pentecost Reading

Acts 2.1-21

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## **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.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.  
This is the first commandment.  
And the second is like, namely this:  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
There is none other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All** Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All** Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In thy mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humble with thee, our God.  
Amen.

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.

**The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
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

*Please be seated.*

## New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 104. 26-37; Tune: HON622

*We sing the Psalm appointed for the day:*

How many are Your works / Lord, in wisdom You made all!  
The earth and sea are filled / with Your creatures, great and small.  
The ships go to and fro / the leviathan lives there.  
These all look unto You / for their food You give with care.

When You op-en Your hand / and give food to all You've made,  
They eat it, satisfied / with the good that You've displayed.  
But when You hide Your face / they with fear are terrified;  
When You take back their breath / they return to dust and die.

When You send forth Your Spirit / they are created new;  
Your Spirit does with pow-er / the face of earth renew.  
So may the glory of / the Lord God endure always,  
And may the Lord rejoice / in His works that give Him praise.

He looks at earth, it trembles / at His touch, mountains smoke.  
I'll praise the Lord forever / His praise I will invoke.  
I'll sing praise to my God / for as long as I may live.  
O may my meditation / be pleasing which I give.

May my thoughts always please Him / as I joy in the Lord.  
But may the sinners perish / the wicked be no more.  
O praise the Lord, my soul / and rejoice in Him always;  
O bless the Lord, my soul / and forever give Him praise.

*From Seedbed, a resource for Singing the Psalms*

*Please stand as able. The Gospel Acclamation is said.*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**All 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.**

**Sermon**

**Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Generous God,  
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.  
Lord, come to bless us

**All and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

**All** hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever.  
Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*We stand.*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

Come Holy Ghost; HON105

### Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

With this bread that we bring  
**All** we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring  
**All** we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood.  
Gifts from God to his table we bring.

**All** We shall remember Jesus.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*We remain standing, as able.*



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 Mary, Mother of God, Alphege 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,  
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.*

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

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. 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

*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.**

### Communion Hymn

Be still for the presence; HON60

### Post-Communion Prayer

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

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promise 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.**

**All Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love;  
and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven,  
so make us one in heart and mind,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Dismissal

## Notices

*The celebrant will give the details of any particularly important notices and read any Banns of Marriage.*

## Commissioning

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Solihull, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**All By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**All We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**All We will.**

## The Blessing

*The president says*

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

*The president blesses the people saying*

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the water when the world was created,  
breathe into you the life he gives.

**All Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,  
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**All Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**All Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen**

*A minister says*

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Final Hymn**

There is a Redeemer; HON644

*The minister and people depart.*

*Organ Voluntary: 'Hymn au Soleil' by Vierne.*

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