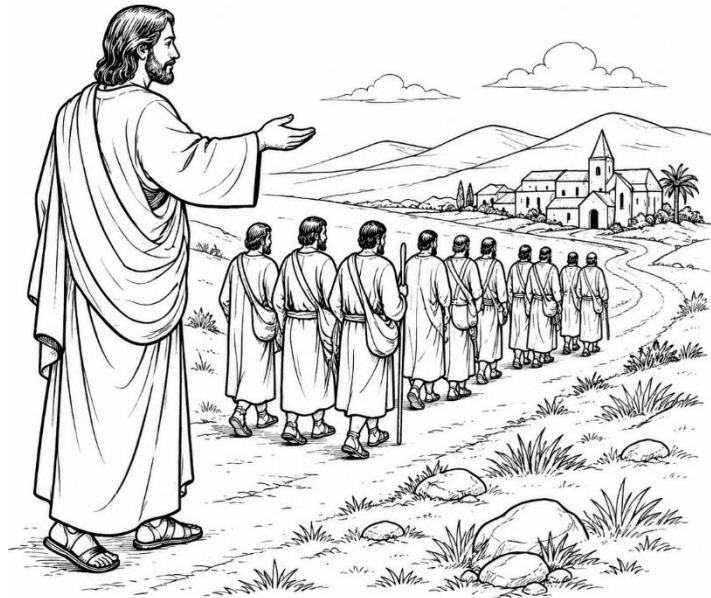




# ***All Age Eucharist on the Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**MATTHEW 10:1–13**

*“As you go, proclaim this message:  
‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”*



**St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 9.30am**

GATHERING HYMN – HON 223 Go forth and tell (tune HON 390) omit v3

- 1 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take:  
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.**
  
- 2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?**
  
- 4 Go forth and tell! the doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**
  
- 5 Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
Go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

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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.)*

May the God of love and power 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.**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

GRADUAL SONG – HON 529 Our God is a great big God

*Refrain*

**Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.  
Our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God  
and he holds us in his hands.**

**He's higher than a skyscraper  
and he's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe  
and beyond my wildest dreams.  
And he's known me and he's loved me  
since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part  
of God's amazing plan.**

*Refrain*

## THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:1-13 (from the Good News Bible)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Patriot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: “Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of the people of Israel. Go and preach, ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near!’ Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid. Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper money in your pockets; do not carry a beggar's bag for the journey or an extra shirt or shoes or a stick. Workers should be given what they need. “When you come to a town or village, go in and look for someone who is willing to welcome you, and stay with him until you leave that place. When you go into a house, say, ‘Peace be with you.’ If the people in that house welcome you, let your greeting of peace remain; but if they do not welcome you, then take back your greeting.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

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: As Jesus sent out the Twelve to proclaim the Good News and bring healing to those in need, let us bring before God the needs of the Church, the world, and all who seek his love and compassion.

*1. For the Church*

Reader 1: May this church be a place of welcome and belonging for all who enter. Let this be a safe space where people can find hope, healing, and the presence of Your grace.

**All           Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

*2. For the world*

Reader 1: We pray that Your Word may reach every corner of the world. Open hearts to receive Your truth, and let Your message of hope, peace, and salvation transform lives everywhere.

**All           Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

*3. For our communities*

Reader 2: Bless our neighbourhoods with friendship, unity, and kindness. Help us to care for one another, support those in need, and be a light of Your love wherever we go.

**All           Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

*4. For those in need*

Reader 2: We pray for all those in need today. Pour out Your healing, comfort, and peace upon those who are suffering, lonely, or burdened. Help us to be Your hands and feet, sharing Your love with generosity and compassion.

**All           Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

*5. For young people and children*

Reader 3: We lift up our children, young people, and families to You. Strengthen them with Your love. Help them to grow in faith, make good choices, and follow the path You have prepared for them. May Your presence bring peace, joy, and hope to every home.

**All            Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

*6. For ourselves*

Reader 3: Open our hearts and minds to hear Your Word and receive Your truth. Help us to rise in understanding, follow Your will, and live out Your love each day.

**All            Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

Leader: Lord God, you call each of us to be witnesses to your kingdom. Hear the prayers we offer in faith and strengthen us to serve others with courage, generosity, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**All            Amen.**

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 511 One shall tell another

**1 One shall tell another, and he shall tell his friend,  
husbands, wives and children shall come following on.  
From house to house in families shall more be gathered in,  
and lights will shine in every street, so warm and welcoming.**

*Refrain*

**Come on in and taste the new wine,  
the wine of the kingdom, the wine of the kingdom of God.  
Here is healing and forgiveness,  
the wine of the kingdom, the wine of the kingdom of God.**

**2 Compassion of the Father is ready now to flow,  
through acts of love and mercy we must let it show.  
He turns now from his anger to show a smiling face,  
and longs that all should stand beneath the fountain of his grace.**

*Refrain*

**3 He longs to do much more than our faith has yet allowed,  
to thrill us and surprise us with his sovereign power.  
Where darkness has been darkest the brightest light will shine,  
his invitation comes to us, it's yours and it is mine.**

*Refrain*

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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.*

*The Junior Choir and Rising Stars sing:*

*“Lead me, Lord”*

*Words: Psalm 5:8, 4:8;*

*Music by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

*Lead me, Lord,  
lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 324 I, the Lord of sea and sky

**1** I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

**Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

**3** I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that you have called us to share the Good News with others.

Be with us as we share all that we know of your love.

Give us courage and wisdom to go wherever you send us.

And, in the sharing of the bread and wine, unite us with one another and with you.

For we are all one in your love.

**All Amen**

## NOTICES AND BANNIS

*The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.*

## FINAL SONG – HON 692 We are marching

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**1 We are marching in the light of God,**

**we are marching in the light of God,**

**we are marching in the light of God,**

**we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.**

**2 We are living in the love of God,**

**we are living in the love of God,**

**we are living in the love of God,**

**we are living in the love of God.**

**We are living, oh, we are living in the love of God.**

**We are living, oh, we are living in the love of God.**

**3 We are moving in the power of God,  
we are moving in the power of God,  
we are moving in the power of God,  
we are moving in the power of God.  
We are moving, oh, we are moving in the power of God.  
We are moving, oh, we are moving in the power of God.**

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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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