

Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Choral Eucharist



**The Eucharist for Corpus Christi
(Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)**

Order of Service

The Gathering

The people are welcomed and the hymn is announced.

Processional Hymn

The Greeting

✙ 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.

Words introduction may be said.

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi which, translated from the Latin, means the Body of Christ. In the Church of England this celebration is also known as The Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

It is an occasion every year to remember particularly the wonder and depth of the gift which Jesus gave us in the Holy Eucharist, the continuing sign of our redemption and of Christ's presence among us.

Let us take this opportunity to enter into the mystery of the Eucharist, allowing it to speak to us about our relationship with God and with one another, and to draw us into the presence of Christ.

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,
revealed in Word and Sacrament,
let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

May God our Father ✝ forgive you your sins,
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

Gloria

The Choir and Congregation stand to sing the 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 president introduces a period of silent prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

A Psalm may be sung.

The Gospel

John 6.51-58

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



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The prayers may end with:

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

We are the Body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God our sustainer,

receive the gifts we bring before you,

and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because when his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples,
that we might proclaim his death, and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus in English or Latin:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The Lord is here. His Spirit 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.

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee
O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,**
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words our Saviour 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.

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.

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei in English or Latin:

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.

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.

The Invitation

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The celebrant raises the paten and chalice and says

The Body and Blood of Christ.

All Amen.

The Giving of Communion

The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.

Communion Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer

The president will pray the post-communion prayer.

All praise to you, our God and Father,
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,
we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Dismissal

Final Hymn

The Blessing

The president says

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

All the whole earth is full of his glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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