

Parish Church of St. Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist for Ordinary Time



Lighting the way for  
generations to come



Order of Service for 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Hymns Old & New  
Setting: Sumsion in F

# The Gathering

*The people are welcomed and the hymn announced.*

**Processional Hymn**  
**324: I, the Lord of sea and sky**

## The Greeting

**+** In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All**      **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**All**

*The President introduces the service.*

Welcome to our Service. We gather to celebrate the life and vision of the founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner, during the 150th Mothers' Union anniversary year.

Mary Sumner was a woman of deep faith, with a heart for prayer and a determination to make a difference in the lives of others. She listened to God and acted upon his call. We too, in our day, want to follow her example as people of faith, by listening and acting upon the call of God.

## Prayer of Preparation

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

## Prayers of Penitence

*The Confession and absolution is led today by two lay members of MU.*

**MU1:** Let us be still before the Lord  
Rest quietly in his presence  
Listen  
(Pause)

**MU2:** Let us bring before the Lord  
the words that may have hurt  
and all those left unsaid;  
the anger we have felt  
and resentment we have fed.  
Let us be still before the Lord  
Rest quietly in his presence  
Listen  
(Pause)

**MU1:** The Lord is slow to anger  
willing to forgive  
full of Grace.  
Draw near to him  
rest quietly in his presence  
Listen.

## The Absolution

**MU2:** May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*The Choir and Congregation stand to sing the Gloria:*

Choir *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*  
All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Choir *Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father.*  
All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Choir *We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*  
All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Choir *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,*  
All **Have mercy on us.**

Choir *You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer,*  
All **Receive our prayer.**

Choir *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.*  
All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Choir *You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.*  
All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Music: Martin How*

## **The Collect**

*The president prays the Collect for the Day.*

Faithful and loving God,  
who called Mary Sumner  
to strive for the renewal of family life:  
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
that through word, prayer and deed  
your family may be strengthened  
and your people served;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading  
Isaiah 6.1-8

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

Psalm  
145: 8-15

*Repeat the antiphon after the choir, then once after each verse.*



1. Great is the Lord, and worthy of all praise,  
His glory is past searching out:  
All generations shall recount your deeds,  
And proclaim your majesty.
2. The Lord loves all that he has made,  
His mercy is over all his works:  
All your works speak your praise,  
And your people give you thanks.
3. Your right hand raises those that fall,  
And those bowed down are lifted up;  
All creatures wait on you for food,  
And from your hand their wants are filled.
4. The Lord is near to those who call,  
He hears their cry and brings them help;  
My mouth shall tell the praise of God,  
And let all flesh his name adore.

**Second Reading**  
Ephesians 3.14-21

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel**  
Luke 11.9-13

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



**All** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**All** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

**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.

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

*The prayers may end with:*

Merciful Father,  
**All** Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
our saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### Peace

*We stand.*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** And also with you.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn  
401: Longing for light

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*We remain standing, as able.*



The Lord is here. His Spi-rit is with us.

**All** The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**



Lift \_\_\_ up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

**All** Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



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.

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:*

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.

*We sit*

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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.**

### 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

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.**

*All are 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, the choir sings Agnus Dei:*

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.

## **Anthem**

*The choir sings an anthem during the distribution*

*'Lead me Lord' by Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

## **Communion Hymn**

**368: Just as I am**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name,  
your servant Mary Sumner revealed your goodness  
in a life of tranquility and service:  
grant that we who have gathered in faith around this table  
may like her know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge  
and be filled with all your fullness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All** We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all people. Amen.

## **The Dismissal**

### **Notices**

*The President may highlight important notices and will read any Banns of Marriage.*

### **Final Hymn**

**238:** Great is thy faithfulness

### **The Blessing**

*The president uses a seasonal blessing, or the following*

All praise be to God,  
by whose power woman's vision became reality  
through the founding of Mothers' Union.  
All praise be to God who has led us thus far  
and whose Spirit inspires for what lies ahead.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
✝ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

United in love across the world,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### **Organ Voluntary**

*Ceremonial March by Herbert Sumson*

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