



***All Age Eucharist
on the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***



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St Alphege Parish Church, Solihull

Sunday 12th July 2026 at 9.30am

The people are welcomed and the hymn announced.

GATHERING HYMN – HON 97 Colours of day

- 1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.**

Refrain

**So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.**

- 2 Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.**

Refrain

- 3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.**

Refrain

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THE GREETING

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.

COLLECT PRAYER

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GRADUAL SONG – SoF 1066 Thy word is a lamp unto our feet

Nick to teach the song:

Refrain

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
(Repeat)**

1

**When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end.
*Refrain***

2

**I will not forget
Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.
*Refrain***

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

The Parish Puppets will perform “Hey, seed sower”
Words by Mary Rice Hopkins
Music by Erick Alexander and Josh Kingcade

Hey, hey,
Hey,hey,hey,hey,hey (repeat)

A farmer went out in the field
And then some seeds he sent
Scattered on the ground
He spread them all around
While he prayed

Some seed fell down on the wayside
They were trampled on
Some birds they came to eat it
Then they had to tweet it
And flew away

Chorus
Hey, seed sower
There’s no better grower
Than the seed you plant in the ground
It’s sprouting beauty all around
Hey, seed sower,
Don’t let your feet get slower
‘Cause the harvest time will come.....one day!

Hey, hey,
Hey,hey,hey,hey,hey (repeat)

Some seed sunk
Into the rocky ground
The plants they shrunk
With no water they were dry
And you know that makes them die,
That’s such a shame

Other seeds,
Well, they fell among the thorns and weeds
They grew up but they were strangled
Pretty flowers they were mangled,
Choked and maimed
Oh, no, no, no!

Chorus

Then the seed the last he threw
On better soil
Then he knew for sure
That it would grow so strong
And be tall and all
Won't you sing the song with me?

It grew up and yielded lots of fruit
All because it had some roots
That's the kind of soil
God wants you to be

Chorus

Hey, seed sower,
Don't let your feet get slower
'Cause the harvest time will come.....one day!

Hey, hey,
Hey,hey,hey,hey,hey (repeat)

Hey, hey,hey
Hey,hey,hey,hey,hey (repeat)

One day

WE BELIEVE

Please stand

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*.**

PRAYERS

Ben will lead "Paper Pot Prayers"

THE PEACE

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 64 (omit v3) Be thou my vision

- 1** Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2** Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.
- 4** Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise:
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!
- 5** High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 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 HON 1 Abba, Father, let me be:

Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone
May my will for ever be
More and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold,
Never let me go.
Abba, Father, let me be
Yours and yours alone.

Dave Bilbrough

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SONG DURING COMMUNION – HON 575 Seek ye first

**1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

**2 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

**3 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Refrain

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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 BANNNS

The President gives out any notices and banns of marriage.

FINAL SONG

Youth Praise 150 Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**1 Oh, when I was a seeker
I sought both night and day;
I asked the Lord to help me,
and he showed me the way**

Refrain

**2 He made me a watchman,
upon the city wall;
to tell of his salvation,
for Jesus died for all.**

Refrain

**3 Go tell it to your neighbour
in darkness here below;
go with the words of Jesus,
that all the world may know:**

Refrain

Anonymous Afro-American

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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