

Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull



Eucharist with Holy Baptism In the Season of Pentecost (No Choir)

**11am Order of Service
for Sunday 16th August 2026**

**Hymns Old & New
Gloria & Sanctus: Chris Bell
Agnus: Dom Gregory Murray**

The Gathering

The people are welcomed and the hymn announced.

Processional Hymn No. 201

'God is love: His the care'

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

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

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says
to all who truly turn to him:
God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Silence is kept

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 you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The Absolution

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.

Music by Chris Bell

The Collect

The president prays the Collect for the Day (see Pewslip).

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Isaiah 56.1,6-8

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand as able. The Gospel acclamation is sung:



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

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me. *Cf John 14.6*

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

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

The Liturgy of Baptism

The Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *Annabelle*

and uphold *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* with joy.
Today we are trusting God for *her* growth in faith.
Will you pray for *Annabelle*,
draw *her* by your example into the community of faith
and walk with *her* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *this child* begins *her* journey in faith.
You speak for *her* today.
Will you care for *Annabelle*,
and help *her* to take *her* place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

A large candle may be lit. The minister addresses the candidate, their parents, godparents and sponsors

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

The Signing of the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Hymn No. 210 (Psalm 67)

‘God of mercy, God of grace’

We sing verses 1 and 2 as we journey to the font, led by the cross.

The Prayer over the Water

The minister says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Profession of Faith

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.**

Baptism

Annabelle, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Annebelle, by one Spirit we are baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are all children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.

Hymn No. 210 (Psalm 67)

We sing verse 3, 'Let the peoples praise thee, Lord', as we journey back from the font, led by the cross.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand. The president introduces the Peace.

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn No. 383

'Let us build a house'

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

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 power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel.

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.

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

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 loves you
And gave himself for you.

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.**

Music: Dom Gregory Murray

Instrumental or organ music may be played during the administration. We may also sing a Communion hymn.

Communion Hymn No. 56

'Before the throne of God above'

Post-Communion Prayer

The celebrant reads the post-communion prayer for the day (see Pewslip), followed by:

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Dismissal

Parish Notices

Final Hymn No. 183

‘Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising’

The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The candidate is presented with a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal (Christ) candle. A minister says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Annabelle, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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