

Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull



Eucharist with Holy Baptism For Feast of 'Christ in Creation'

**11am Order of Service
for Sunday 6th September 2026**

**Hymns Old & New
Creation Gloria by Marty Haugen
Setting: Communion Service in F by Herbert Sumson**

The Gathering

The people are welcomed and the hymn announced.

Processional Hymn No. 55

‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation’

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.

Let us confess our failure to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

Silence is kept

You laid the foundations of the earth,
but we have claimed your world as our own.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You make all things new,
but our hope has grown dim.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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 Choir and Congregation 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 Haughen)

The Collect

The president prays the Collect for the Day

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading
Isaiah 55.12-end

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
Colossians 1.15-20

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel
Matthew 8.23-27

Please stand as able. The Gospel acclamation is sung:



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

You are worthy, Lord, to receive honour, glory, and power,
for you created all things.

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

Intercessions

We pray for the needs of the Church and the World.

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 *William*

and uphold *him* in *his* 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 *his* growth in faith.

Will you pray for *William*,

draw *him* by your example into the community of faith

and walk with *him* in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *this child* begins *his* journey in faith.

You speak for *him* today.

Will you care for *William*,

and help *him* to take *his* 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.

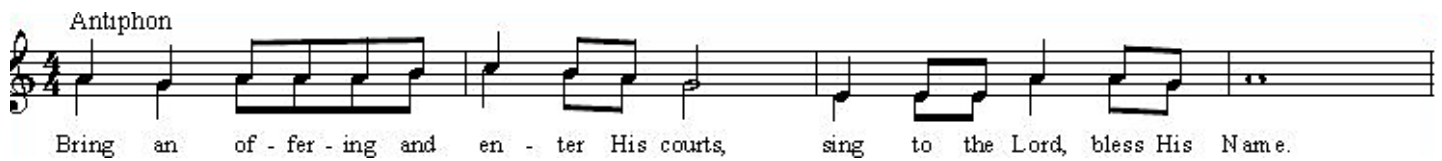
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**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.

The choir sings the Psalm as we journey to the font, led by the cross.



Choir Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

All Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Choir O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth:
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

All Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Choir It was the Lord who made the heavens, his are majesty and state
and power: and splendour in his noble acts.

All Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Choir Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it
thunder praise: let the land and all it bears rejoice.

All Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Choir Give praise to the Father almighty, to his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

All Bring an offering and enter his courts: sing to the Lord, bless his name.

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

William, 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:
William, 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.

We journey back from the font, led by the cross, accompanied by the organ.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand. The president introduces the Peace.

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

- 1 Bring to the Lord a glad new song,
children of grace extol your king:
your love and praise to God belong
to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,
let rulers all obey God's word:
for justice shall bring tyrants shame
let every creature praise the Lord!
- 2 Sing praise within these hallowed walls,
worship beneath the dome of heaven;
by cymbals' sound and trumpets' calls
let praises fit for God be given:
with strings and brass and wind rejoice
then join our song in full accord
all living things with breath and voice;
let every creature praise the Lord!

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
by your goodness the world was formed and filled with plenty.
As we set before you this bread and wine,
teach us gratitude for your gifts
and make us faithful stewards of your creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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 and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For by your word the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.
You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.

In your great goodness you sent your Son,
the firstborn of all creation,
who holds all things together in himself,
and through whom you make all things new.

You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,
as creation itself waits with eager longing
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.

And so, with angels and archangels
and with all that you have made,
we join the song of your glory,
forever 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.**

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.

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

'In my Father's house' by Philip Stopford

Communion Hymn No. 401

'Longing for light, we wait in darkness'

Post-Communion Prayer

The celebrant reads the post-communion prayer:

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Faithful God,**
in baptism you have adopted us as your children.
Made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal

Parish Notices

Final Hymn No. 6 (omit v.6)
'All creatures of our God and King'

The Blessing

May God the Father, whose glory is proclaimed in the heavens,
awaken in you a delight and wonder in this good creation.

All Amen.

May God the Son, the Word made flesh, through whom
all things were made, fill you with his risen life.

All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth.

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.

William, 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.

Organ Voluntary

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