

Parish Church of St Alphege, Solihull



11am Choral Eucharist in the Season of Creation

Sunday 20th September 2026

*New English Hymnal
Setting: Schubert in G*

The Gathering

The celebrant welcomes the congregation and announces the hymn.

Processional Hymn

362: Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All 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

A minister uses these or seasonal words of invitation to confession.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

The president says

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.

Gloria (Glory to God)

The Choir sings the Gloria (English translation below).

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedícimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe;
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

The Collect Prayer

We keep some moments of silence and then the president prays the Collect of the Day (please see Pewslip).

The Liturgy of the Word

We are seated to listen to the readings of the day. These typically include a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), the Psalms, and the Epistles. The full text of readings and Gospel can be found in the Pewslip.

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 145.1-8

We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm.

I will magnify thee, O God, my King *

and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee *

and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised *

there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another *

and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship *

thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts *

and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed *

and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and merciful *

long-suffering, and of great goodness.

Second Reading

At the end of the reading:

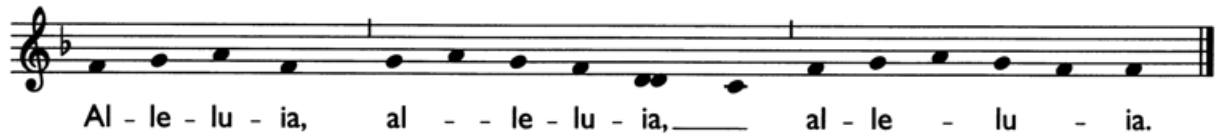
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Please stand as able.

The choir and congregation sing the Gospel Acclamation.



Verse



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and 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,
being 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.

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel or sit. The following response may be used:

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

The President introduces the Peace:

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Hymn

439: Praise to the Holiest (tune 1 – omit *verses)

Prayer at The Preparation of the Table

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence.

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.

The Lord is here. His Spi-rit 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.

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 in him, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God Almighty.</i>
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.
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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.

All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

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.

We are all invited to draw near to God today. The administration (of bread, wine, and prayers of blessing) is offered at both the altar rail (High Altar) either standing or kneeling, and at the font (West End) standing. You are welcome to receive from either place and stewards will help to direct you. We are also happy to come to you (in the pew) if that is easier for you – please alert the steward.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei while those administering Holy Communion receive.

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.

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.

The Giving of Communion

During the Distribution the choir sings the anthem:

‘Rejoice in the Lord alway’ – Anon, Arr. Redford

Communion Hymn

297: Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Prayer After Communion

The president prays this week’s post-communion prayer (see Pewslip).

We say the following prayer together.

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.

The Dismissal

Notices may be given and Banns of Marriage may be read.

Final Hymn

368: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

The Blessing

The president prays

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The minister and people depart.

Organ voluntary: Postlude in D by Dyson

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