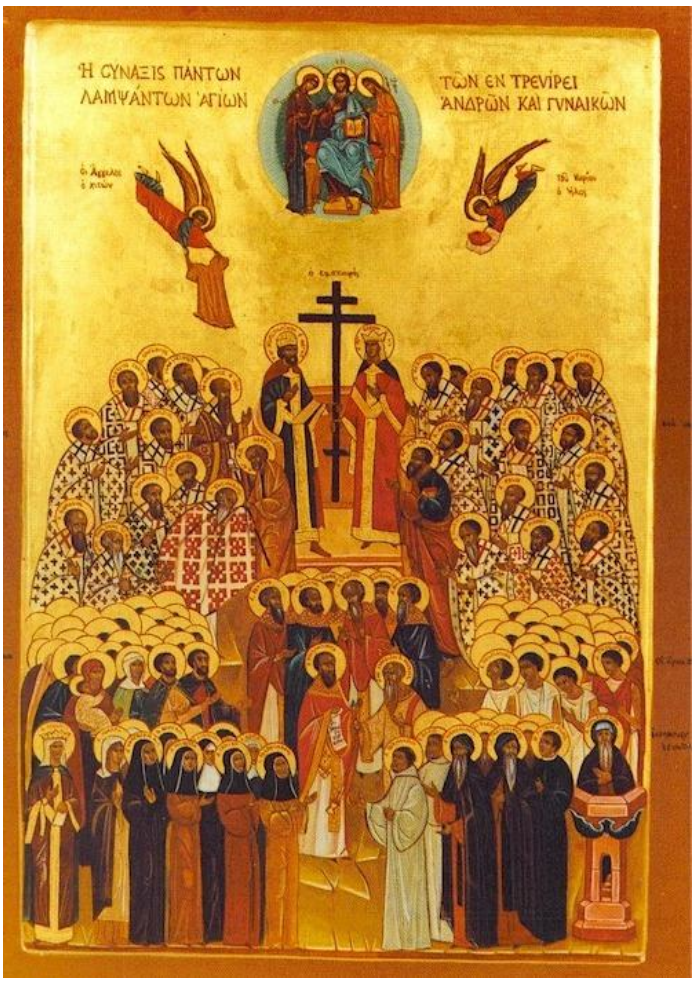
Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull

All nations gathered at the throne of Christ



Eucharist for the Kingdom Season
(Sundays Before Advent, including Christ the King)
Order of Service with Choir
Sundays 15th and 22nd November 2026

Hymns:
NEH for Choral (15th) and HON for Sung (22nd)

Settings:
Missa Octava by Hassler (15th); Mass for the Quiet Hour by Oldroyd (22nd)

The Gathering

The people are welcomed and the hymn announced.

Processional Hymn

NEH 476 'Ye servants of God'
HON 15 'All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name'

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord 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

The Beatitudes. A short pause is kept between each.

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silence is kept

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. 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.**

Gloria (Glory to God)

On 15th the choir sings the Gloria in Latin (English translation below).

Gloria in excélsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntátis.
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.

On 22nd we sing the Gloria in English, following the choir's lead.

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 by Martin How

The Collect

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

We remain seated for the psalm.

On 15th the choir sings Psalm 90 verses 1-8, and 12.

1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made *
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction *
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday *
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep *
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up *
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
7 For we consume away in thy displeasure *
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee *
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

On 22nd we sing Psalm 95 verses 1-7 together (tune Solothurn, HON 463).

1 Come with all joy to sing to God
our saving rock, the living Lord;
in glad thanksgiving seek his face
with songs of victory and grace.

2 In holiness and light arrayed
above all gods that we have made,
he is the one almighty king,
and his the glory that we sing.

3 The earth is his from east to west,
from ocean-floor to mountain-crest;
he made the sea and formed the lands,
he shaped the islands by his hands.

4 Come near to worship! Come with faith,
bow down to him who gives us breath:
God is our shepherd, he alone;
we are his people, all his own.

Second Reading

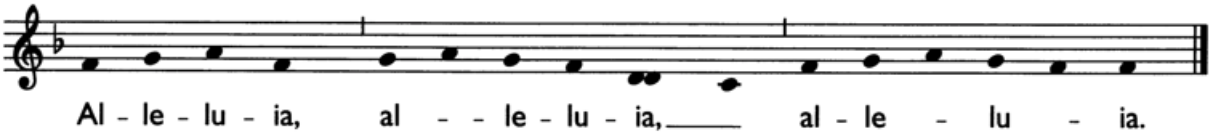
At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Please stand as able. On the 15th the choir and congregation sing this acclamation.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

On the 22nd the Choir and Congregation use this acclamation.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

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

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

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

Creed

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy**
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created**
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,**
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say,'Come!'**
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

Prayers of Intercession

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

Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

The prayers may end with:

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand.

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

NEH 449 'Soldiers of Christ arise'
HON 175 'From heav'n you came'

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

This short Preface is inserted, on the feast of Christ the King.

And now we give you thanks
that he is the King of glory,
who overcame the sting of death
and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
He is seated at your right hand in glory
and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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	*Holy, Holy, Holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*Lord God Almighty.*
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui	*Blessed is he*
venit in nomine Domini.	*who comes in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

We sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death,**
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
And gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Alphege and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

We kneel or sit.

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.
And 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.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

15th: 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.

22nd: 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.

The Choir sings the anthem during the Distribution:

15th: 'Os Justi' *by Bruckner*
22nd: 'King of Glory' *by Bach arr. Harris*

Communion Hymn

NEH 70 'Lord Jesus, think on me'
HON 671 'Thou didst leave thy throne'

Post-Communion Prayer

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

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 Holy Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn
NEH 377 'Immortal invisible'
HON 92 'Christ triumphant, ever reigning'

The Blessing

The president uses a seasonal blessing, or the following:

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory:
and the blessing of God almighty,
✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We listen to the organ voluntary, leaving quietly if we need to leave before the end.

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