

# Parish Church of St Alphege Solihull



Sung Eucharist

**The Eucharist for Advent**

**December 2024  
Order of Service**

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn

✙ 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.

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

### Prayer of Preparation

**All** We bless you, O Lord our God,  
whose light the darkness can never put out,  
whose life is the light of all that lives.  
Shine upon us as we wait in hope this day. Amen.

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

#### First Sunday of Advent (Hope)

Our first candle stands for The Patriarchs  
such as Abraham, our father in faith,  
and David who like Jesus was also born in Bethlehem.  
We are reminded that Jesus is our hope  
and that the light will come and conquer the darkness.

*The first candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:*

**All** Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today. Amen.

*or*

### **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete, Joy)**

Our third candle stands for John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus.

Through his message, we are reminded to make room in our hearts for the coming of the Saviour:

Jesus, who will guide us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

*The third candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:*

**All Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.**

*or*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)**

Our fourth candle stands for the Virgin Mary who, in her humility and faith, bore Christ into the world.

As we await the birth of our Saviour, may we, like Mary, open our hearts to his coming.

*The fourth candle is lit, and we respond by saying the Advent Prayer:*

**All Lord Jesus, light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*After a time of stillness, the choir leads us in singing Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)*

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chri - - ste e - lei - son. Chri - - ste e - lei - son.

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 Chri - - ste e - lei - - - - - son.

Kyrie eleison: **Kyrie eleison**  
 Christe eleison: **Christe eleison**  
 Kyrie eleison: **Kyrie eleison**

## The Absolution

May the God of love and life  
 ✚ forgive you and free you from all your sins,  
 heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
 and restore you to wholeness in Christ.

**All** Amen.

## The Collect

## 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 (please see Pewslip for the hymn number or separate sheet)*

## Second Reading

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Please stand. The Choir and Congregation sing the Gospel acclamation.*



Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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

**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

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.

## Prayers of Intercession

*This response may be used*

Father, by your Spirit,  
**All** bring in your kingdom.

*The prayers may conclude as follows:*

Lord of the Church,  
**All** hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand.*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** And also with you.

### Offertory Hymn

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**All Blessed by God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

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.**

*Preface for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.  
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Preface for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:*

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,  
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.  
John the Baptist was his herald  
and made him known when at last he came.  
In his love Christ fills us with joy  
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.  
And so, with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your glory,  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n 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 praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.



On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Blessed Virgin Mary, Alphege, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**All** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*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 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.

## Agnus Dei

*Whilst those helping with the administration receive, the Choir sings the 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.

## The Giving of Communion

*The Choir sings an anthem during the Distribution.*

## Communion Hymn

## Post-Communion Prayer

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

*We pray together:*

**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

Notices

Final Hymn

The Blessing

May God, the bringer of hope,  
bless you with patience when the world weeps,  
bless you with work that you may do your part,  
bless you with prayer as you light your candle against the darkness.  
And may God, ✚ the Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,  
bless you this day and give you peace.

**All** Amen.

*or*

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always.

**All** Amen.

The Sending

As we await our coming Saviour,  
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

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

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