

**Welcome to our service of
Holy Communion at St Mary's, Shirehampton**

Sunday 14th June 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come so that we can worship our God,
whose words restore us to life.

We come so that we can follow Jesus,
whose hopes for justice are crystal clear.

We come so that we can learn from the Spirit,
**whose teachings help us to understand
how to live as God's people.**

HYMN

A new commandment

I give unto you:

that you love one another

as I have loved you,

that you love one another

as I have loved you.

2 You are my friends

if you do what I command you.

without my help you can do nothing.

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4 True love is patient,

not arrogant or boastful;

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1 By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love for one another.

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3 I am the true vine,
my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.

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*V1. unknown, based on John 13: 34-35
Vs 2-4: Aniceto Nazareth, based on John 15
and 1 Corinthians 13
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CONFESSION

God of mercy,
hear the prayers of your thirsting people.

For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone
Forgive us, we pray.

For every time we promised to trust you, but turned to our own way when your
response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected,
Grant us mercy, O God.

For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,
Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom,

For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those who believe
differently from us,
Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

For our silent sins,
our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering around us,
Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace;

Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.
For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

**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

**Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING *Romans 5: 1 - 8*

At the end the reader may say
**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

5 Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 – 1879)
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GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.
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THE INVITATION

Here is the table of the Lord,
we are gathered to his supper,
a foretaste of things eternal.
Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, old and young, there is room for all

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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 the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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:

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia!

This living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.

COMMUNION IS SHARED

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you feed us with the living bread from heaven;
renew our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love.

Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread,
and to live by every word that comes from your mouth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSINGS

NOTICES

BIRTHDAYS

HYMN

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name. [sing twice]

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name. [sing twice]

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SENDING

We will go now as God's people,
to give a meal to the hungry,
to offer a ride to a neighbour.

We will go now as Jesus' followers,
to give water to the thirsty,
to welcome the outsiders.

We will go now with the Spirit,
to offer a heart to the lonely,
to share grace and peace with all.

BLESSING

Go now, to be nourished in the love of God;
to be generous in the way of Christ Jesus
and to be filled and fuelled by the living Spirit.

And may the blessing of all three,
Creator, Saviour and Life-Force
be with you and those you love
today and always. **Amen**