Welcome to our Holy Communion Service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 22nd November 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to God!
We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!
We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!
Come! Let us worship God together.

Amen.

TRUE OR FALSE GAME

SONG

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting 'til the break of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the break of day

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning 'til the break of day

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WE SAY SORRY

You are our King, Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
You are our Saviour, Christ have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
You call us to you every day, Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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 PERUVIAN GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To Him be glory forever
To Him be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To Him be glory forever
To Him be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
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Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
To Him be glory forever
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Alleluia Amen
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GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 25: 31 -end*

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

INTERCESSIONS

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God who is our Father.
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.
The peace God be always with you.
And also with you

HYMN

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours' he said.

3 Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Holy, *Holy,* **Holy**
It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

Holy, *Holy,* **Holy**
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, *Holy,* Holy
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

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

Father,
as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Amen, Amen **Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
Amen, *Amen,* **Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen, *Amen,* **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

Communion is received.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord,
We have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
Keep us always in your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

BLESSINGS

NOTICES

BIRTHDAYS

SONG

Everlasting God the years go by but you're unchanging
In this fragile world You are the only firm foundation
Always loving, always true
Always merciful and good, so good

Yesterday today and forever
You are the same, You never change
Yesterday today and forever
You are faithful and we will trust in You

Uncreated one You have no end and no beginning
Earthly powers fade but there is no end to Your kingdom
Always loving, always true
Always merciful and good, so good

Yesterday today and forever
You are the same, You never change
Yesterday today and forever
You are faithful and we will trust in You
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You are the same, You never change
Yesterday today and forever
You are faithful and we will trust in You

Yahweh, God unchanging
Yahweh, firm foundation
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BLESSING

Creator God,
Christ the King,
Living Spirit,
go before us to give light to those who sit in darkness
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
surround you and keep you,
now and ever more.
Amen