

**Welcome to our service of
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, Shirehampton
Sunday 3rd May 2026**

GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Do not let your hearts be troubled
Trust in God; Trust in Jesus.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us.
Christ will lead us to be with Him.

We know the way to the place where Jesus is.
Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Come, let us join together on the journey of faith.
Come, let us follow Jesus, who is the Way. Amen.

HYMN:

1 Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art;
thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father
and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity,
thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I need not,
nor all the world's praise,
thou my inheritance
now and always;
thou, and thou only,
first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven,
after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's sun;
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

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CONFESSION: *Please be seated*

When we treat our faith as nothing more than a self-help system
and You, God, as simply a cure for whatever ails us,
Where is the love?

When we use the gifts our planet gives us
with little care for our wastefulness and destruction,
Where is the love?

When we deny and disdain truths and practices that others hold dear,
Where is the love?

When we ignore the sickness,
the loneliness,
the struggle and the vulnerability of others,
because it doesn't affect us,

Where is the love?

When we berate ourselves for our failures,
or hold ourselves to impossible and trivial standards

Where is the love?

**Forgive us, Lord,
and teach us and our world
what it really means to love.**

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 – SUNG

**1 Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

**3 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**5 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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.**

**6 Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

**2 Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

**4 Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.**

**7 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
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

THE COLLECT:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 7: 55 - 60

please sit for the reading

At the end of the reading the reader may say:

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

HYMN:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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GOSPEL READING: *Please stand*

John 14: 1 - 14

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

SERMON:

THE CREED

**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:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN:

1 Beauty for brokenness,
Hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suffering world
This is our prayer:
Bread for the children,
Justice, joy, peace;
Sunrise to sunset,
Your kingdom increase!

*3 God of the poor,
Friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts,
Let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame.*

5 Rest for the ravaged earth,
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned—
Our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
Carelessness, greed;
Make us content with
The things that we need.

7 Lighten our darkness,
Breathe on this flame
Until Your justice
Burns brightly again;
Until the nations
Learn of Your ways,
Seek Your salvation
And bring You their praise.

2 Shelter for fragile lives,
Cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsman,
Trade for their skills;
Land for the dispossessed,
Rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak.

4 Refuge from cruel wars,
Havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary,
Freedoms to share;
Peace to the killing-fields,
Scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
His cross for the pain.

*6 God of the poor,
Friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts,
Let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame.*

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God,
may they be used to pass on the promise of hope,
of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts
and presence in their lives. **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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 singing:

(sung)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.

(sung)

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again. *[sing though twice]*

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:

(sung)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Please be seated

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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving

AGNUS DEI - SUNG

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us your peace (x4)**

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:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you,
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Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

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GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD:

"Go into all the world," said Jesus;

We go to make His loving words heard.

"What you do for the least, you do for Me," said Jesus;

We go to make His loving deeds seen.

"I will never drive away any who come to me," said Jesus;

We go to make His loving invitation known.

BLESSING:

May the love of God, the Three-in-One,
fill our hearts and make us one with God,
and with all of God's children,
And may we grow in that love
now and always
And may the blessing...

Amen