

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to God who gathers us in.

**We come to God who nurtures us like a father.**

Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

**We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.**

Come to God who journeys with us.

**We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.**

Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

**HYMN**

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with  
thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it,  
thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes  
in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become  
mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass  
the pow'r of human telling;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit  
makes his dwelling.

## **A PRAYER FOR FATHERS DAY**

Oh God, we thank you for fathers near  
fathers with strong arms  
and fathers with feeble knees  
present at table and at bathtub and at bedtime for prayers.

**Thank you, God, for fathers near.**

We thank you, O God,  
for fathers far away  
fathers who ache for their families  
fathers absent because of war,  
or disease,  
or despair,  
fathers who are present and absent at the same time.

**Thank you, God, for fathers far away.**

We thank you, O God,  
for caring communities  
where mothers fill in for fathers  
and fathers fill in for mothers

**And grandparents put on the apron and the towel.**

**Where aunts and uncles,  
and those who are absolutely no kin at all  
make our communities a home fit for habitation.**

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

**Like children, we fear that if we tell you what we have done,  
God of Justice,  
you might not love us any more.**

*Silence is kept*

**We can kill the dreams of those around us with a word,  
spoken or withheld.**

*Silence is kept*

**We can make the lives of strangers and our friends miserable,  
instead of sharing a miracle.**

*Silence is kept*

**We are filled with that legion of temptations  
which only leave us empty and wanting more.**

*Silence is kept*

**Forgive us, Gracious Father.  
Remind us that we are no longer sinners,  
but your children.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God forgives us, so we might be new people.  
God equips us, so we might serve others.  
God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

God gives you freedom from the chains of sin.  
You are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. 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**

**Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*Romans 6: 1b - 11*

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

## HYMN

1 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury,  
your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness,  
only light,  
and where there's sadness,  
ever joy.

### Chorus after verses 1 & 2 only

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

3 Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves  
that we receive,  
and in dying  
that we're born to eternal life.

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## GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 10: 24 - 39*

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

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN

1 God's Spirit is in my heart.  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.

2 Just as the Father sent me,  
so I'm sending you out to be  
my witnesses throughout the world,  
the whole of the world.

3 Don't carry a load in your pack,  
you don't need two shirts on your back.  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
can earn his own keep.

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*He sent me to give  
the Good News to the poor,  
tell pris'ners that  
they are pris'ners no more,  
tell blind people that they can see,  
and set the downtrodden free,  
and go tell ev'ryone the news  
that the kingdom of God has come,  
and go tell ev'ryone the news  
that the kingdom of God has come.*

4 Don't worry what you have to say,  
don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
will speak in your heart.

## THE INVITATION

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

## **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 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.**

### **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

### **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

Bless the Lord, o my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, o my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, o my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, o my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name, come on

Bless the Lord, o my soul, o my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, o my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

I will worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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## **SENDING OUT**

Live purposefully,

**for God hears the voice of every child.**

Live trustingly

**for even the hairs of our heads are numbered.**

Live bravely,

**for fear of failure is overshadowed by the love of Christ.**

## **BLESSING**

The cool head of Christ Jesus guide you,

the immovable rock of God's love underpin you,

the warm fires of the Spirit embolden you today and always.

And the blessing...

**Amen**