

**Welcome to our Worship for All service  
at St Mary's, Shirehampton  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship God,  
we come, bringing our stories, our lives, and our whole selves.

**All are welcome**

We come with our faith and our doubts,  
With our hopes and our fears.

**All are welcome**

We come as we are,  
invited by God who will never turn us away.

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**SONG**

1 Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
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2 When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

3 Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
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## PRAYERFUL INTERCESSIONS

Lord please forgive us when we have said “Yes” to sin;  
when we have failed to love you,  
chosen to ignore you and done what we have wanted to do.

**Please forgive us**

Please forgive us when we have put ourselves first,  
Lived selfishly and not cared about other people.

**Please forgive us**

Lord we want to change and we need your help.

**Help us Lord**

Thank you that you chose the path of love  
and died on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven.

**Thank you Lord**

Help us to follow you and walk the path of the cross, saying “no” to sin,

**Help us Lord**

**In Jesus’ name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

New every morning is God’s love for us,  
and so we are ready to boldly proclaim the Good News:  
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen**

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 1

**READING – Matthew 4: 1 - 11**

## SERMON

## THE CREED

*please stand*

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

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

## SONG

1 The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity,  
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

2 Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call,  
walk, walk in the light.

3 He died in pain on Calvary,  
walk, walk in the light,  
to save the lost like you and me,  
walk, walk in the light.

4 We know his death was not the end,  
walk, walk in the light,  
he gave his Spirit to be our friend,  
walk, walk in the light.

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light,  
The Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.

## 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.**

Like a tent in the wilderness  
the table of God stands open and ready  
as a place of sanctuary and safety,  
of hospitality and healing.

So come, all you who are tired and travel-stained, footsore and famished;  
come with your fellow travellers  
and find companionship and comfort;

for here, Jesus who knows what it is to wander,  
watch and wrestle in desert places  
waits to meet us and welcome us in,  
offering us rest and restoration,  
solace and strength,  
for the journey still to come.

Before going out  
into the wilderness of the garden,  
Jesus sat down to eat and drink with his friends.  
To show them the challenge of the way ahead,  
and offer them gifts for that journey,

*Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.*

6 The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light,  
His light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.

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he took bread – sustaining and wholesome –  
and poured wine –  
earthy and warming –  
sharing these as signs of his continuing presence with them  
throughout time to come.

He said to those he loved  
eat and drink in remembrance of me

And now, remembering that moment,  
and recognising that its promise is also for us in this time and this place,  
we too share bread and wine

And in that action, we recognise and affirm with joy  
that Christ is present with us now,  
and throughout time to come;  
and we join our voices with those of all creation in the unending song of praise:

**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!**

God of the liminal places,  
send down upon us now,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that same Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert,  
that we too may be tempered and strengthened by your presence  
and refreshed and renewed through your love.

## 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.**

The tent side is open,

the table is set,

and God waits for us to come in from the desert

for a while and be refreshed ...

**Communion is received.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God has called us to journey for a season

through the wilderness places;

**And so, as Jesus did before us,**

**we will set out once more**

**to wander in an uncomfortable landscape and wrestle with its challenges,**

**that through the tempering action of the Spirit,**

**we may emerge ready to do the work of the Kingdom.**

**Amen**

## BLESSINGS

## NOTICES

## BIRTHDAYS

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 2

### SONG

The splendour of the King

Clothed in Majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

It trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

How great is our God

Sing with me, how great is our God

All will see how great

How great is our God

Age to age, He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end

Beginning and the end

The Godhead, three in one

Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God

Sing with me, how great is our God

All will see how great

How great is our God [x2]

Name above all names

You are worthy of all praise

My heart will sing, how great is our God

Name above all names

You are worthy of all praise

My heart will sing, how great is our God

How great is our God

Sing with me, how great is our God

All will see how great

How great is our God

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How great, how great is our God

## **SENDING**

In our families Lord,

**Help us to love**

In our places of work Lord,

**Help us to love**

In our church Lord,

**Help us to love**

In our neighbourhoods Lord,

**Help us to love**

In our places of relaxation Lord,

**Help us to love**

Wherever we meet other people Lord,

**Help us to love Amen.**

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

As we leave here to enter our Mission field,

help us walk the path that says “No” to sin and “Yes” to love,

And the blessing of God Almighty...