

**Welcome to our Patronal Service of
Holy Communion at St Mary's, Shirehampton
Sunday 16th August 2026**

Prayer:

Mighty One,
whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity,
whose word is enwombed at the heart of creation:
we praise you for Mary,
whose hospitable Yes made a place for love;
whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble;
whose prayer is heard because she is one of us;
through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child.

Amen

God - **we gather in your *presence*.**

Father - **we long for more of you.**

Jesus - **we place you at the centre.**

Holy Spirit - **come and fill our time together.**

**Help us to be fully present here,
to *your word*,
to *one another*,
and to *the world* you love. Amen.**

Hymn:

1 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
tender to me
the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour
Shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his name:
make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure,
from age to age the same;
his holy name,
the Lord, the mighty one.

3 Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might:
pow'rs and dominions
lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn
wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word:
firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore.

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Confession:

Let us come to him
who knows our every deed and thought.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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:

1 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!**

2 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! **Alleluia, Amen!**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

3 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!
To Him be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**
Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen!**

The Collect:

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:

Galatians 4 : 4 - 7

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes with his friends a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid,
strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women, and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

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Gospel Reading: *Luke 1: 46 - 55*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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:

**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.**

Prayers:

At the end we pray together

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Peace:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn:

1 To God be the glory!
great things he hath done;
so loved he the world
that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory;
great things he hath done.*

2 O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
to ev'ry believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

3 Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

Invitation to the Table:

This is not my table or this church's table,
but this is the Lord's table.

You are invited here by the one who loves you, pushes you,
and will never leave or give up on you.

Come to this table of the one who sees past our limitations.
Come and be nourished and made whole.

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:

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:

Hymn:

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

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The Blessing:

When the Word became flesh
earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary:
may the love and obedience of Mary be your example.
Amen.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes.
Amen.

May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit
and the gifts of your eternal home.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty...

The Dismissal:

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.'

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.