

# Welcome to our Holy Communion Service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## GATHERING

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,**

**may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

## HYMN

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing.

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

3 Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!

Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!

Pow'r and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

4 Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heav'n above!

Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

*Michael Seward (b.1932)  
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## CONFESSION

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

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**

**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.**

## **COLLECT**

**Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

*please sit for the reading*

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

1 We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

3 Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
He broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

6 Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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## GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 13 - 35

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.**

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.**

## 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 All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more  
To be found in You and known as Yours  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

3 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord  
So with You to live and never die

*Knowing You, Jesus  
Knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're the best  
You're my joy, my righteousness  
And I love You, Lord*

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## THE INVITATION

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 right to praise you, Father,  
Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father,  
we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father,  
we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ,  
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust 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.**

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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Communion is received.**

*You are welcome to come and receive Communion which should normally be received in both kinds separately, but if you do not wish to receive from the common cup, you may receive bread only.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## BLESSINGS

## NOTICES

## BIRTHDAYS

## HYMN

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

*You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high.*

(repeated through)

## **BLESSING**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing ...

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**