

Welcome to our Holy Communion service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 20th July 2025

Call to Worship:

God has called us to this place.

What do you see?

We see people who want to model God's joyous embrace of all people.

God has brought us to this place.

What do you hear?

**We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person
as our sister or brother.**

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others.

What will you do?

We will welcome everyone in God's name!

Hymn:

1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render,
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

Confession:

Dear God,

We come before You with humility and reverence,
acknowledging Your majesty and power.

You are the creator of the universe, the source of all life and wisdom.

Your love and mercy endure forever.

We confess that we have not always lived according to Your will.

We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions.

We have fallen short of Your glory and disappointed You.

We have failed to be generous to others.

We have failed to be hospitable to our brothers and sisters.

Forgive our transgressions.

Cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Help us to turn away from our sinful ways and to walk in the path of
righteousness.**

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us 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.

The Collect:

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

First Reading: Colossians 1: 15 - 29

Please sit for the reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

To be in your presence
to sit at your feet
where Your love surrounds me
and makes me complete.

This is my desire, O Lord
this is my desire
this is my desire, O Lord
this is my desire.

To rest in your presence
not rushing away
to cherish each moment
here I would stay.

This is my desire, O Lord
this is my desire
this is my desire, O Lord
this is my desire.

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this is my desire

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Gospel Reading: *Luke 10: 38 - end*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading the reader may say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

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 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,
for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

2 Not a burden we bear,
nor a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,
for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour he shows,
and the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way.
What he says he will do,
where he sends we will go,
never fear, only trust and obey.

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The Invitation:

We are here because Jesus has called us –
strangers and friends,
locals and visitors,
believers and doubters,
the certain and the curious.
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers
and invites to his table where,
in bread and wine,

he meets us and through him we, who are different,
are joined to each other.
So come,
not because you understand,
but because you are understood.
Come,
not because of how you feel,
but because God has food for you.
Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you,
just as you are.

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 forever, 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:

1 Lord for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years,
We bring our thanks today.

3 Lord, for our land
in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for ourselves;
in living pow'r remake us –
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us,
for the future take us:
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

2 Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word,
receive your people's praise.

4 Lord, for our world;
when we disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

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Sending:

What are you doing this week?

Just do it!!

This is our worship

God sends us from this place,
with our eyes wide open.

May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.

Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen.

**We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;
we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.**

The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.

May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

Blessing:

You are chosen, choose peace.

You are chosen, choose justice.

You are chosen, choose life.

And the blessing of God almighty
Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you
And remain with you always

Amen