

Welcome to our Harvest Festival Service
at St Mary's, Shirehampton
Sunday 27th September 2026

GATHERING

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord and be glad;

Come to him with joyful songs.

The Lord is good;

His love goes on for ever

His faithful love never fails.

EARTH'S HARVEST SONG

GIVING

We lift our gifts – Look to the roof and beyond to the sky

Thank you God for your goodness that blesses us and the earth.

You are generous

Thank you God

We look around the congregation and beyond the walls

Thank you God for the people who made this food

and those who will share in it

You are generous

Thank you God

We look to the ground and below to the earth beneath

Thank you God for Shirehampton, this church

and for your faithful love over many generations

Thank you God

HYMN

1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

2 He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
by Him the birds are fed;
much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
oh, thank the Lord,
for all His love.*

3 We thank Thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
for all Thy love imparts,
and what Thou most desirest -
our humble, thankful hearts.

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)

trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878) alt.

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SAYING SORRY TO GOD

Forgive us Lord

where we have failed to be thankful for all of your blessing

Help us to see the ways we hurt your beautiful world by our selfish acts.

Forgive us Lord

where we have put our needs before the needs of others.

Help us to be the light that shines in the darkness.

Forgive us Lord

where we haven't shared what you have given us with our neighbours.

Show us how to welcome all with your love.

Help us to become grateful and generous people

as we put our hope in you.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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.

PERUVIAN GLORIA

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!**

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!**

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!**

READING

John 6: 1 - 15

TALK

STOMP DANCE PERFORMANCE

BASKET FULL OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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

ending with:

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE PEACE

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The Peace of the Lord always be with you
And also with you

SONG

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Like the Earth,
we do not own Christ's table which feeds and sustains us.
Yet here, we're welcome:
like those friends Christ first gathered.

Welcome for justice;
fulfilment and love.
Welcome, with prophets, publicans
with eco-warriors and dodgy characters
with those you'd expect
and those you don't.

Called to recelebrate;
to be a work of God repurposed as friends of Jesus
refreshed by bread and wine
through human hands,
from Earth's own self
on whom, we feed.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

Holy, Holy, Holy

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, Holy, Holy

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

BLESSINGS

BIRTHDAYS

SONG

Yeah, we're all in this together, and we're having fun
We're here to spread the love of God to everyone
Gonna get a little crazy and a little wild
Here we go now, come give it a try

Move it to the left now
Move it to the right
Find someone you don't know
And give 'em a high five
Stomp your feet louder
Wave your hands up high
Find somebody else now
And give 'em a high five

Oh, oh, oh –
Oh, oh, oh –

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[Repeat through]

SENDING

We have celebrated harvest,
brought our gifts, sung our hymns
and remembered our God

**As we go into the world,
may God help us to live our lives
as people of the harvest
to share and to give
to bless and to love
through Jesus, our friend and saviour.
Amen**

BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts
May God's peace be in our world
May God's love be known between us
and the blessing of...

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BRING AND SHARE LUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE