

# Welcome to our Holy Communion Service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**glorifying the One who is Parent of all.**

In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak

**making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst.**

## HYMN

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
let angels prostrate fall,  
let angels prostrate fall,  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Ye prophets who our freedom won,  
ye searchers, great and small,  
ye searchers, great and small;  
by whom the work of truth is done,  
now crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
now crown him Lord of all.

4 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue  
to him their hearts enthral,  
to him their hearts enthral;  
lift high the universal song,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

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## **CONFESSION**

Lord God, we come to you carrying a pack on our backs.  
It's full of things people do which spoil the world you have created.  
Lord, we are sorry  
**Lord we are sad and sorry**

Lack of justice, lack of love,  
cold hearts and violent tempers –  
these are things which divide families, communities and nations.  
We see it in the news, and in places where we live, work and play.  
Lord, we are sorry  
**We are sad and sorry.**

We are sad and sorry too for the wrong in our own lives.  
We forget to listen to your story.  
We do not answer when you call us to follow you.  
Lord, we are sorry  
**We are sad and sorry.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Let us listen for the sound of God's forgiveness in the silence.

*(silence)*

In Christ Jesus, God forgives us.

Let us forgive each other.

Let us forgive ourselves.

Know it in your heart.

You are forgiven

## **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, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Acts 1: 6 - 14

*please sit for the reading*

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like you.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name!*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

*[sing through twice]*

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## **GOSPEL READING** *John 17: 1 - 11*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**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 fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## HYMN

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now:  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place the heav'n affords  
is his, is his by right.

The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
and heav'n's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace is giv'n;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

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## THE INVITATION

Here is the table of the Lord,  
we are gathered to his supper,  
a foretaste of things eternal.

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, old and young, there is room for all.

## 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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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 of all,  
we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables  
with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the Cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.  
This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts  
we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**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.**

Alleluia!

This living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

**Communion is received.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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

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  
And 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  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God [x2]

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God

You're the Name above all names  
You are worthy of all praise  
And my heart will sing, how great is our God

How great is our God  
Sing with me, how great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

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## SENDING

Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.

**We go forth into growing and changing and living.**

Let us go with caring awareness for the world and all that is in it.

**We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.**

Let us go forth in peace and be led out in joy.

**We go in God's continuing presence, with the power to love and the strength to serve. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Wherever you are, continue to speak of what God has done.

Wherever you find yourself, continue to sing of what God is doing.

Whenever you can, continue to imagine what God will do.

And the blessing of God...

**Amen.**