

**Welcome to our Worship for All Service  
at St Mary's, Shirehampton  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We wait patiently for our God.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.**

We will not chase after other gods.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.**

We will tell of all God has done for us.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.**

**HYMN**

1 May the fragrance of Jesus fill this place. *(Men)*

May the fragrance of Jesus fill this place. *(Women)*

May the fragrance of Jesus fill this place. *(Men)*

Lovely fragrance of Jesus, *(Women)*

Rising from the sacrifice *(All)*

Of lives laid down in adoration.

2 May the glory of Jesus fill His church. *(Men)*

May the glory of Jesus fill His church. *(Women)*

May the glory of Jesus fill His church. *(Men)*

Radiant glory of Jesus, *(Women)*

Shining from our faces *(All)*

As we gaze in adoration.

3 May the beauty of Jesus fill my life. *(Men)*

May the beauty of Jesus fill my life. *(Women)*

May the beauty of Jesus fill my life. *(Men)*

Perfect beauty of Jesus, *(Women)*

Fill my thoughts, my words, my deeds, *(All)*

My all I give in adoration.

## CONFESSION

Lord God, we come to you sorry for the moments we act in ways that spoil the world you created and mask the beauty of your fragrance.

Lord, we are sorry ...

**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 are sorry for the bitter stench of hate we cause in the world.

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.

Help us to bring your vibrant scent to life in our world.

Lord, we are sorry ...

**We are sad and sorry.**

Let us rejoice now as people made new by the sweet scent  
and loving kindness of God.

You are forgiven. Amen.

*We raise hands and lift them saying*

**We are forgiven!**

## READING

## TALK

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *please stand*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **THE PEACE**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **HYMN**

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?

Forever He will be

The Lamb upon the throne

I gladly bow the knee

And worship Him alone

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord

Who once was slain to reconcile man to God

Forever You will be

The Lamb upon the throne

I gladly bow my knee

And worship You alone

Forever You will be

The Lamb upon the throne

I gladly bow my knee

And worship You alone

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## 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.**

Like a tent in the wilderness  
the table of God stands open and ready  
as a place of sanctuary and safety,  
of hospitality and healing.

So come, all you who are tired and travel-stained, footsore and famished;  
come with your fellow travellers  
and find companionship and comfort;

for here, Jesus who knows what it is to wander,  
watch and wrestle in desert places  
waits to meet us and welcome us in,  
offering us rest and restoration,  
solace and strength,  
for the journey still to come.

Before going out  
into the wilderness of the garden,  
Jesus sat down to eat and drink with his friends.  
To show them the challenge of the way ahead,  
and offer them gifts for that journey,

he took bread – sustaining and wholesome –  
and poured wine –  
earthy and warming –  
sharing these as signs of his continuing presence with them  
throughout time to come.

He said to those he loved  
eat and drink in remembrance of me

And now, remembering that moment,  
and recognising that its promise is also for us in this time and this place,  
we too share bread and wine  
And in that action, we recognise and affirm with joy  
that Christ is present with us now,  
and throughout time to come;  
and we join our voices with those of all creation in the unending song of praise:

**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!**

God of the liminal places,  
send down upon us now,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine,  
that same Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert,  
that we too may be tempered and strengthened by your presence  
and refreshed and renewed through your love.

### **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.**

The tent side is open,  
the table is set,  
and God waits for us to come in from the desert  
for a while and be refreshed ...

**Communion is received.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God has called us to journey for a season  
through the wilderness places;

**And so, as Jesus did before us,**

**we will set out once more**

**to wander in an uncomfortable landscape and wrestle with its challenges,**

**that through the tempering action of the Spirit,**

**we may emerge ready to do the work of the Kingdom.**

**Amen**

## **BLESSINGS**

## **NOTICES**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

## HYMN

Let love explode and bring the dead to life  
A love so bold  
To seek a revolution somehow  
Let love explode and bring the dead to life  
A love so bold  
To bring a revolution somehow

Now I'm lost in Your freedom  
and this world I'll overcome  
My God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion

(Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion)

Let hope arise and make the darkness hide  
My faith is dead I need resurrection somehow  
Now I'm lost in Your freedom  
In this world I'll overcome  
My God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion

(Roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion  
He's roaring, He's roaring)

Let heaven roar and fire fall  
Come shake the ground  
With the sound of revival [x3]

(My God's not dead He's surely alive)  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
God's not dead He's surely alive  
He's living on the inside  
Roaring like a lion  
He's roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion  
He's roaring, He's roaring, He's roaring like a lion (roaring like a lion)

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## **SENDING**

Having learned new words from our God,  
**we will go to warm others in the bleak midwinter of life,  
to whisper to them of grace and hope.**

Having learned new ways to serve from Jesus,  
**we will go to clear paths for those lost in oppression,  
to wait with those in hospital rooms and job lines.**

Having learned new songs from the Spirit,  
**we will go to sing of peace in all the broken places,  
to light the way out of the shadows of injustice.**

## **BLESSING**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness  
To deny yourselves,  
Take up the cross, and follow him;  
And the blessing... **Amen**

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