

Welcome to our Holy Communion service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 19th July 2026

Marriage Banns

Call to Worship:

From the moment we open our eyes each morning,
until we close them at night,
God is with us.

There is no one like you, our God!

In times when we are surrounded with struggles,
in all the surprising places we find hope,
Jesus is with us.

There is no one like you, our Brother!

When we feel orphaned by the world,
when we are welcomed into faith's family,
the Holy Spirit is with us.

There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!

Hymn:

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou has promised,
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

5 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant my own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heav'n receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)
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Confession:

Most merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.

We have taken great benefits with little thanks and we have been more ready to insist upon our rights than to see the needs of others.

Have mercy and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The wideness of God's mercy,
the range of God's forgiveness,
the infinite love of God,
the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are Yours,
as God restores you to the fullness of life meant for you.
You are forgiven.

**Grounded in love,
rooted in discipleship,
we offer ourselves in service to others,
recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ.
Thanks be to God.
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:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: *Romans 8: 12 - 17*

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]

Song by The Mandate

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Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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.

Talk by Mothers' Union

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.

Prayers:

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:

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

[Chorus:]

*Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

[Chorus]

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus *[2x]*

[Chorus x2]

The Invitation:

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

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:

Post Communion Prayer:

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:

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

William Williams (1717-1791)
Trans. Peter Williams (1727-1796) & others
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Sending:

Go forth as God's people.

We will greet everyone as one of the family.

Go forth as followers of Jesus.

**We will serve everyone we meet,
especially those who have been thrown aside by the world.**

Go forth with the gifts of the Spirit in you.

We will be that hope which everyone longs to see.

Blessing:

May the God of love touch your hearts and fill your lips with praise for him
That the gospel story will be told anew to all you meet

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

Amen