

**Welcome to our service of  
Holy Communion at St Mary's, Shirehampton  
Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**GREETING**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

With power from above to make our weakness strong,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

**YOUTH SKETCH**

**HYMN**

There must be more than this  
O breath of God come breathe within  
There must be more than this  
Spirit of God we wait for You  
Fill us anew we pray  
Fill us anew we pray

Consuming fire fan into flame  
A passion for Your name  
Spirit of God fall in this place  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way with us

Come like a rushing wind  
Clothe us with power from on high  
Now set the captives free  
Leave us abandoned to Your praise  
Lord let Your glory fall  
Lord let Your glory fall

Consuming fire fan into flame  
A passion for Your name  
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Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way with us  
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## CONFESSION

The Spirit comes with fire of justice  
and we offer the extinguisher of complacency.  
Lord have mercy,  
**Lord have mercy upon us.**

The Spirit comes with the rain of love  
and we offer an umbrella of reserve.  
Christ have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy upon us.**

The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change  
and we close the windows.  
Lord have mercy,  
**Lord have mercy upon us.**

## ABSOLUTION

Hear the great good news of our faith:

The Spirit is alive!

Breathe, children of God, breathe the fresh winds of the Spirit.

Taste, children of God, taste the quenching waters of God's love.

Touch, children of God, touch the heat of God's passion for justice.

You are forgiven. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA *(Clapping version)*

Gloria! Gloria

In excelsis Deo!

Gloria! Gloria

In excelsis Deo!

Lord God, heavenly King,  
peace you bring to us.

We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise!

Jesus, saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all!

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord!

Glory, Father and Son,  
glory Holy Spirit!  
to you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name!

Gloria! Gloria  
In excelsis Deo!  
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## COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 2: 1 - 21**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with  
thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it,  
thy holy flame bestowing.

3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become  
mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes  
in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass  
the pow'r of human telling;  
nor can we guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit  
makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (D.1434)*

*trans. Richard F Littledale (1833-1890) alt.*

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## GOSPEL READING

*John 20: 19 - 23*

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

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:

**Creator of all that has been made.**

**The Parent of the whole creation.**

We believe in God:

**Saviour of all that has fallen.**

**The Restorer of our broken world.**

We believe in God:

**The Life of all that lives.**

**The Love that binds all things together in the family of God.**

## STOMP DANCE

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold,

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You My Master  
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You My Master  
Ready to do Your will

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Come to this table  
Where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God  
into a meal of love and grace  
a supper of visions and dreams  
a table where all are welcome.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who hovered over creation  
and brought order out of formlessness.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who filled Jesus with power and wisdom  
and, through Him, made the life of God available to all.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

We celebrate the Spirit of God,  
Who has been poured out on all people,  
and leads us into the Kingdom of God.

**We praise You, Spirit of God.**

And so,  
as we gather at the Lord's table,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
we might know your presence among us,  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood

*Silence is kept*

**Lord, we come knowing that we depend on You  
for life and truth and love.**

**We come knowing that You welcome us with open and accepting arms.  
We come ready to meet with You, and be changed by the encounter.  
Amen.**

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion,  
gathered His friends for a meal.

During supper, He took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then He broke it and passed it among them with these words:

This is my body which is broken for you.

Take, eat and remember Me.

After the meal,

Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.

Then He passed it among them with these words:

This is my blood which is shed for you.

Take, drink and remember Me.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.**

As we do now what you once did on earth,  
**Be present with us.**

Breathe your Spirit upon us.

**May we be your body, revealing your presence in the world. Amen**

So now, we eat and we drink  
and we remember Jesus and His great love for us.  
**Amen.**

**Communion is received.**

### **PRAYERS AFTER RECEIVING**

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for this meal of remembrance;  
And for coming to us, in the Spirit's power,  
as we have shared it.

**May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives;  
May the power we receive at this table  
make us peacemakers and healers;**

**And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table  
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Kingdom  
in every word we speak and in everything we do.  
For Jesus' Sake.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSINGS**

### **NOTICES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

## HYMN

Everlasting God  
The years go by but You're unchanging  
In this fragile world  
You are the only firm foundation  
Always loving, always true  
Always merciful and good, so good

Uncreated One  
You have no end and no beginning  
Earthly powers fade  
But there is no end to Your kingdom  
Always loving, always true  
Always merciful and good, so good

Yahweh God unchanging  
Yahweh firm foundation  
Yahweh God unchanging  
Yahweh firm foundation

Yesterday, today and forever  
You are the same, You never change  
Yesterday, today and forever  
You are faithful and we will trust in You  
[x2]

You are faithful and we will trust in You  
We will trust in You, we will trust in You  
We will trust in You

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As part of God's Church here in St Mary's,  
I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
will you dare to walk into God's future,  
trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common  
and minister to each other in need?

**We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other  
until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

May God's breath stream within you.

May God's breath renew you.

May God's breath invigorate you.

Walk with confidence into this day.

And the blessing of God Almighty...

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**