

**Welcome to our service of  
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Church Shirehampton  
5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the embrace of faith,  
let love be our call.

**Together, we'll lift our praise of grace and compassion.**

A symphony of souls,  
embracing God's love in unison.  
Let the spirit bind us as sisters and brothers,  
where love unites us all

**For in our worship, and in our lives,  
we are called to love one another.**

**HYMN**

*We sing together*

Great is thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
there is no shadow  
of turning with thee;  
thou changest not,  
thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been  
thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;  
all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter,  
and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature  
in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness,  
mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin  
and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and merciful One,  
we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,  
**for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this journey.**

**Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.  
We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom.**

**Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor  
West, neither South nor North.**

**We pray for the sake of your Kingdom  
that both is and is not yet. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Friends. Sisters, brothers:  
hear this good news and see the grace of God:

You are forgiven.  
We are free to go and live in the light of love.  
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**(Sung)**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth.  
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peace to his people on earth.**

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peace to his people on earth.  
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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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth.**

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peace to his people on earth.**

**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,  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth.**

**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  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **COLLECT**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING** *read by a congregation member – Chris Eynon*  
**Acts 10: 44 - end**

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

You are the Vine,  
we are the branches,  
keep us abiding in You.  
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Then we'll grow in Your love,  
then we'll go in Your name,  
that the world will surely know  
that You have power to heal  
and to save.

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*Words and music: Danny Daniels & Randy Rigby  
Music arranged: Christopher Norton  
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## GOSPEL READING – John 15: 9 - 17

*read by a congregation member- Di Hemmings*

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**

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** *brought by a member of the congregation - Vivien Hearn*

### **THE PEACE** *we still hold hands in a circle*

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

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.

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.

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.

William Williams (1717-1791)  
Trans. Oeter Williams (1727-1796) & others  
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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We are here because Jesus has called us –  
strangers and friends,  
locals and visitors,  
believers and doubters,  
the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers  
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,  
he meets us  
and through him we, who are different,  
are joined to each other.

So come,  
not because you understand,  
but because you are understood.

Come,  
not because of how you feel,  
but because God has food for you.

Come, not because you deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites you,  
just as you are.

## **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:

**(sung)**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**  
**God of power, God of might,**  
**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**  
**God of power, God of might,**  
**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**  
**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.

**(sung)**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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:

**(sung)**

**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**

## **AGNUS DEI** *Sung*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us your peace.  
Grant us your peace.  
Grant us your peace.  
Grant us your peace.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives  
the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and  
source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and  
reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSINGS**

## **NOTICES**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

## HYMN

We'll Walk The Land With Hearts On Fire  
And Every Step Will Be A Prayer  
Hope Is Rising, New Day Dawning  
Sound Of Singing Fills The Air

Two Thousand Years And Still The Flame  
Is Burning Bright Across The Land  
Hearts Are Waiting, Longing, Aching  
For Awakening Once Again

*Let The Flame Burn Brighter  
In The Heart Of The Darkness  
Turning Night To Glorious Day  
Let The Song Grow Louder  
As Our Love Grows Stronger  
Let It Shine! Let It Shine!*

We'll Walk For Truth, Speak Out For Love  
In Jesus' Name We Shall Be Strong  
To Lift The Fallen, To Save The Children  
To Fill The Nation With Your Song

*Let The Flame Burn Brighter  
In The Heart Of The Darkness  
Turning Night To Glorious Day  
Let The Song Grow Louder  
As Our Love Grows Stronger  
Let It Shine! Let It Shine! [3]*

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## **SENDING**

Children of God,  
as we go from here to grow the kingdom of God,  
**may we do so in love.**

As we go from here to share the love of God  
**with all whom we meet,**

may we do so, knowing that God loved us first,  
**God loves us still, and God always will...**

## **BLESSING**

May you feel the love of God in your heart,  
may you know Jesus' commandment to love in your mind,  
and may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire your mouths,  
hands and feet along that journey.

And the blessing of ...

**Amen.**