

Welcome to our Holy Communion service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 10th August 2025

Gathering:

For the wisdom of our elders bringing us safely to this place;

God of our yesterday, we give you thanks.

For the vision of new generations opening windows to new views;

God of our tomorrow, we give you thanks.

For the promise of this community

creating new covenants blending heritage and hope;

God of our today, we give you thanks.

Hymn:

1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you.
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

2 Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn,
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you.
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.*

Call to Reconciliation:

Do people see God when they look at us?

Do they hear Jesus' words of welcome and hope when we speak?

Do they see the fresh Spirit acting in our lives?

In these moments, we must be honest with God

as to how we have not lived up to our calling to be God's people.

**God of glory, grace, and wisdom,
you have made us in your image,
but we do not always show your gracious face.**

silence

**We are called to follow the Christ,
but fatigued by the stresses of our lives,
we often do not have the energy or enthusiasm.**

silence

**When we see the Spirit standing with the oppressed and outcast,
we, too often turn and walk the other way.**

silence

Creator God,
Maker of the Universe,
have mercy on us;

Jesus Christ,
Brother and Sister to the Poor,
have mercy on us;

Holy Spirit,
Comfort of the broken hearted,
have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Here is the good news:

God continues to create out of the chaos and brokenness of our lives,
filling our hearts with love, transforming our despair into hope,
and shaping our selfishness into servanthood.

You are forgiven.

What marvellous news!

God loves us,

Christ redeems us,

and the Spirit calls us to service. 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:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Please sit for the reading

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

1 In heavn'ly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid,
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

3 Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free,
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

2 Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

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Gospel Reading:

Luke 12: 32-40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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.

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:

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:

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!

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Invitation to the Table:

This is not my table or this church's table,
but this is the Lord's table.
You are invited here by the one who loves you,
pushes you, and will never leave or give up on you.
Come to this table of the one who sees past our limitations.
Come and be nourished and made whole.

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 right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father,
we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father,
we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer:

*Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust 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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is shared:

Prayer after Communion:

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Loving God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Blessings:

Notices:

Birthdays:

Hymn:

Praise You in the morning
Praise You in the evening
Praise You when I'm young
And when I'm old
Praise You when I'm laughing
Praise You when I'm grieving
Praise You every
Season of the soul

If we could see
How much You're worth
Your power Your might
Your endless love
Then surely we would
Never cease to praise

Let everything that
Everything that
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Let everything that
Everything that
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Praise You in the heavens
Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now
Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise

If they could see
How much You're worth
Your power Your might
Your endless love
Then surely they would
Never cease to praise

Let everything that
Everything that
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Let everything that
Everything that
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
(repeated)

And I will worship
I will worship
I will worship
You with every breath
(repeated)

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Sending:

Choose this day to follow Christ where he leads.
Looking forward to the future God is creating, we will follow the Lord!

Disciples, let us go forth in peace!
Together, let us serve the Lord!
Alleluia! Amen!

Blessing:

You are chosen, choose peace.
You are chosen, choose justice.
You are chosen, choose life.

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