

**Welcome to our service of
Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, Shirehampton
Sunday 2nd August 2026**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God of Life,
to You we come.

**We gather in this place
to taste Your goodness
to lean on Your faithfulness
to remember Your kindness**

To You we come,
our Strength and our Song.
**Soak us in Your beauty, dear God,
and accept our wonder and gratitude
that You call us Your children and Your friends.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

HYMN:

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) alt.
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1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

CONFESSIO: *Please be seated*

The psalmist said “if you test me, you will find no wickedness.”

That’s not something I can honestly say.

The psalmist said “my mouth does not transgress.”

Oh, that this were true of me!

The psalmist said “I have avoided the ways of the violent.”

Violence takes many forms, and I’ve participated in some of them.

The psalmist said, “my feet have not slipped.”

But I have slipped; I cannot hide the bruises.

Have mercy on me, O God.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Receive now God’s blessing.

Though your frailty remains as a humbling reminder, you walk free now,
unashamed because you are redeemed by Christ.

Know yourself to be forgiven.

Hallelujah! Amen!

THE GLORIA – SUNG

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

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

**3 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

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

**5 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.**

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

**7 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**

THE COLLECT:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING

Romans 9: 1 - 5

please sit for the reading

At the end of the reading the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

O Lord, your tenderness,
melting all my bitterness,
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness,
changing all my ugliness,
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love.

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[sing through twice]

GOSPEL READING: *Please stand* *Matthew 14: 13 - 21*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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:

ending with

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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.

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.

*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!*

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!

Thomas Obadiah Chisolm (1866-1960)

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PREPARATION OF THE TABLE:

Heavenly Father,
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds
as we offer our lives in your service; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

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.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna, Hosanna, 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.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

(sung)

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ has died:

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: *Please be seated*

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!

The 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 (x4)

COMMUNION IS SHARED:

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSINGS:

NOTICES:

BIRTHDAYS:

HYMN:

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You
Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love

*Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your spirit leads me on
By the power of Your love*

*Geoffrey William Bullock
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CLOSING PRAYER:

The Creator who made heaven and earth goes with us

**Bless us, God,
with imagination and wonder**

Jesus who grieved and healed and fed goes with us

**Bless us, Jesus,
with trusting hearts and open hands**

The Holy Spirit who pours out her help goes with us

**Bless us, Spirit,
with courage to be all we can be**

May we walk in the strong love of the Trinity, today and always,
Amen.

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