

Welcome to our Worship for All Service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 23rd August 2026

Call to Worship:

Children of God, welcome!

We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

With joyful hearts, we worship God.

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1 Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

3 And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
No I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say
that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

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Confession:

For the angry words I've spoken
For my hurtful, selfish ways
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

For the promises I've broken
For the times I've disobeyed
Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

For the things we take for granted.
For the people we've forgotten
and the times we've turned away, Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

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!

Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!

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

Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!

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

Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!

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

Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo!
In excelsis Deo!

Gospel reading:

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Talk:

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world.**

**We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust In the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God.**

Amen

Prayer:

At the end we pray together

Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Peace:

Peace to you from God who is our Father.

Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.

The peace God be always with you.

And also with you

Song:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

Holy, Holy, Holy

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, Holy, Holy

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father,
as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Amen, Amen **Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.
*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread:

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Communion is received

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

Song:

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You
I worship You

You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You
I worship You

You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

That is who You are *(repeated)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop,
Jesus You are

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are
That is who You are *(repeated)*

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Sending:

As we leave this place of worship
and step back into the rhythm of our daily lives,
may the peace of Christ go with you
guiding your steps,
calming your heart,
and strengthening your spirit.

AMEN

May you carry the light of God's love into every conversation.

AMEN

May the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to do what is right,
compassion to love as Christ loves,
and a joy that cannot be shaken.

AMEN

Blessing:

May the Father's hand
keep you from stumbling,
the footprints of Jesus
give you confidence to follow,
and the fire of the Spirit
inspire and lead you in your walk with God this day.

And the blessing of God Almighty...

Amen.