Welcome to our service of Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, Shirehampton Sunday 5th October 2025

GATHERING PRAYER:

God, we come today from different places and walks of life, carrying joys and burdens.

We thank You that You meet us where we are, even when things feel unsettled or unfair.

In our restlessness, help us be in Your peace. In our confusion, help us to feel secure in Your truth.

In our smallness, help us to trust that You can grow the tiniest seed of faith into something strong.

May this time of worship be a safe space to rest, to listen, and to grow.

HYMN:

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord the Holy One, is here; come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place, he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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CALL TO CONFESSION: Please be seated

Our faith may be small, but God's power is great. Our sins may loom large, but God's promise of forgiveness is sure. Trusting that God is able to do for us what we could never do for ourselves, let us make our confession.

God of grace,

we confess that the seed of faith within us is small.

Hope is often absent.

Love is frequently inconvenient.

Our sin keeps us from responding to you.

Tend to us in mercy,
so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love,
after the example of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The grace of God is given to us in Jesus Christ.
This is good news!
You are forgiven!
Halleluia We are forgiven

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:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

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:

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper rev'rence praise,

beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee. in deeper rev'rance praise.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love! Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire.

O still small voice of calm!

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GOSPEL READING: Please stand

Luke 17: 5 - 10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says, This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

THE CREED: please stand

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe 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:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there a thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Vs. 1-4: John Newton (1725-1807) alt., Vs. 5: John Rees (1828-1900) CCL Licence Number 5935

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.

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.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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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!

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 (x4)

COMMUNION IS SHARED:

The Church of England's national policy on distribution of Communion is that intinction (dipping) is not permitted.

Communion should normally be received in both kinds separately, but if you do not wish to receive from the common cup, you may receive bread only.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSINGS:

NOTICES:

BIRTHDAYS:

HYMN:

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart

You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin Open up the gates of heaven and have beckoned me in

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?
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Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart

What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord? What can I give, what can I bring, what can I sing as an offering, Lord?

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you
In surrender I must give my every part
Lord, receive this sacrifice of a broken heart

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?
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SENDING:

Go now in the peace of God's justice, We stand in strength of God's truth, and serve with the faith gives us.

And may God, who takes the tiniest seeds and grows them into something beautiful, be with us today and always 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