

# Welcome to our All Saints' Holy Communion Service

at St Mary's, Shirehampton

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

## GATHERING

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...  
let us worship God with joy!**

## HYMN

1 Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy!  
merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons.  
blessed Trinity!

3 Holy, holy, holy!  
though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin  
thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy  
there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power  
in love and purity.

2 Holy, holy, holy!  
all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art  
and evermore shalt be.

4 Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy!  
merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons,  
blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826) alt.  
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## CONFESSION

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**Amen.**

### **THE GLORIA**

**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**

## COLLECT

God of glory,  
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Hebrews 9: 11 - 15

*please sit for the reading*

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.*

2 Fit for the glory of God,  
purchased by his precious Blood,  
born with the right to be free:  
Jesus the vict'ry has won.

1 There is only one God,  
there is only one King.  
There is only one Body,  
that is why we sing:

3 We are the fam'ly of God,  
we are his promise divine,  
we are his chosen desire,  
we are the glorious new wine.

*Bob Gillman*

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## **GOSPEL READING** *Mark 12: 28 - 34*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**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**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
**maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
**God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten,  
not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
**Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
**he ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge**  
**the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**the Lord, the giver of life,**  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
**With the Father and the Son**  
**he is worshipped and glorified.**  
He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
**and the life of the world to come. 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 For all the saints  
who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith  
before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus,  
be for ever blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 And when the strife is fierce,  
the warfare long,  
steals on the ear  
the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again,  
and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl  
streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father,  
Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 O blest communion!  
fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle,  
they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee,  
for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

4 The golden evening  
brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful  
warriors cometh rest:  
sweet is the calm  
of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*William Walsham How (1823 – 1897)*  
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## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

To you we come,  
Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
**Amen.**

And now we give you thanks  
because in him you have received us as your sons and daughters,  
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,  
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

## **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 indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.



Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*(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.**

Accept our praises, Heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way,  
after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*(sung)*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*(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.**

**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**

## **HYMN**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name  
Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

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## SENDING

Let us go to be God's saints this week.

**Not because we are more pious or special,  
but because we are called to care for those  
whom the world has tossed aside.**

Let us go now to serve with Jesus this week.

**Not because we are better than those around us,  
but because we are called to humble ourselves  
in serving those whom society has forgotten.**

Let us go now to journey with the Spirit this week.

**Not because we have the inside track,  
but because we have all lost our way,  
but hand in hand will be led to God's heart.**

## BLESSING

May God grant you the grace  
to follow the Saints in faith hope and love.  
Go, be bold, and live as God's saints in the world today

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

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**