

**St Bridget's West Kirby
with Caldy Church
Good Friday**



**Please maintain quiet before the service and remain sitting or
kneeling as the ministers enter**

*In this service we move gradually from meditation through to celebration
as we consider the meaning of the Cross and rejoice in the salvation
declared there for each one of us.*

When we were still helpless:

All: Christ died for the ungodly.

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

All: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have died with Christ

All: We believe that we will also live with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**All: For by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world**

THE COLLECT

Eternal God,
In the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Music: Adoramus te Christe

Reading: John 19.16-27

SILENCE

Reading: Psalm 22

SILENCE

Reading: John 19.28-37

SILENCE

Address: The Atonement

Music: Crux Fidelis: Handel

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Hymn: My song is love unknown

A cross is set up before the congregation



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS

This is an ancient Good Friday liturgy which includes "The Reproaches", a meditation on God's love in Christ, spoken as if from the Cross.

We all respond together at various times following

All: Holy God,
 holy and strong,
 Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

At the end of the proclamation silence is kept, and then we pray together:

Father, hear our prayer and forgive us;
Unstop our ears
that we may receive the Gospel of the Cross.
Lighten our eyes that we may see your glory
in the face of your Son.
Penetrate our minds that your truth may set us free
Irradiate our hearts with your love
that we may learn to love one another
for Christ's sake. Amen

THE INTERCESSIONS

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Music: Christ has no body now but Yours; David Ogden

PRAISE AND ACCLAMATION *please stand*

Father, you so loved the world that you sent your only Son to die so that we might live through him.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name

He forgave in the face of bitter hatred.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

He promised heaven to the forgiven sinner.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

He shared in our suffering and longing.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

He entered into our trials and desolations

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

He completed his saving work and made a New Covenant, revealing your love to your world.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

He won the victory over sin and death for ever.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

Hymn: When I survey the wondrous cross

THE CONCLUSION

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading; THE BURIAL OF CHRIST

John 19:38-42



