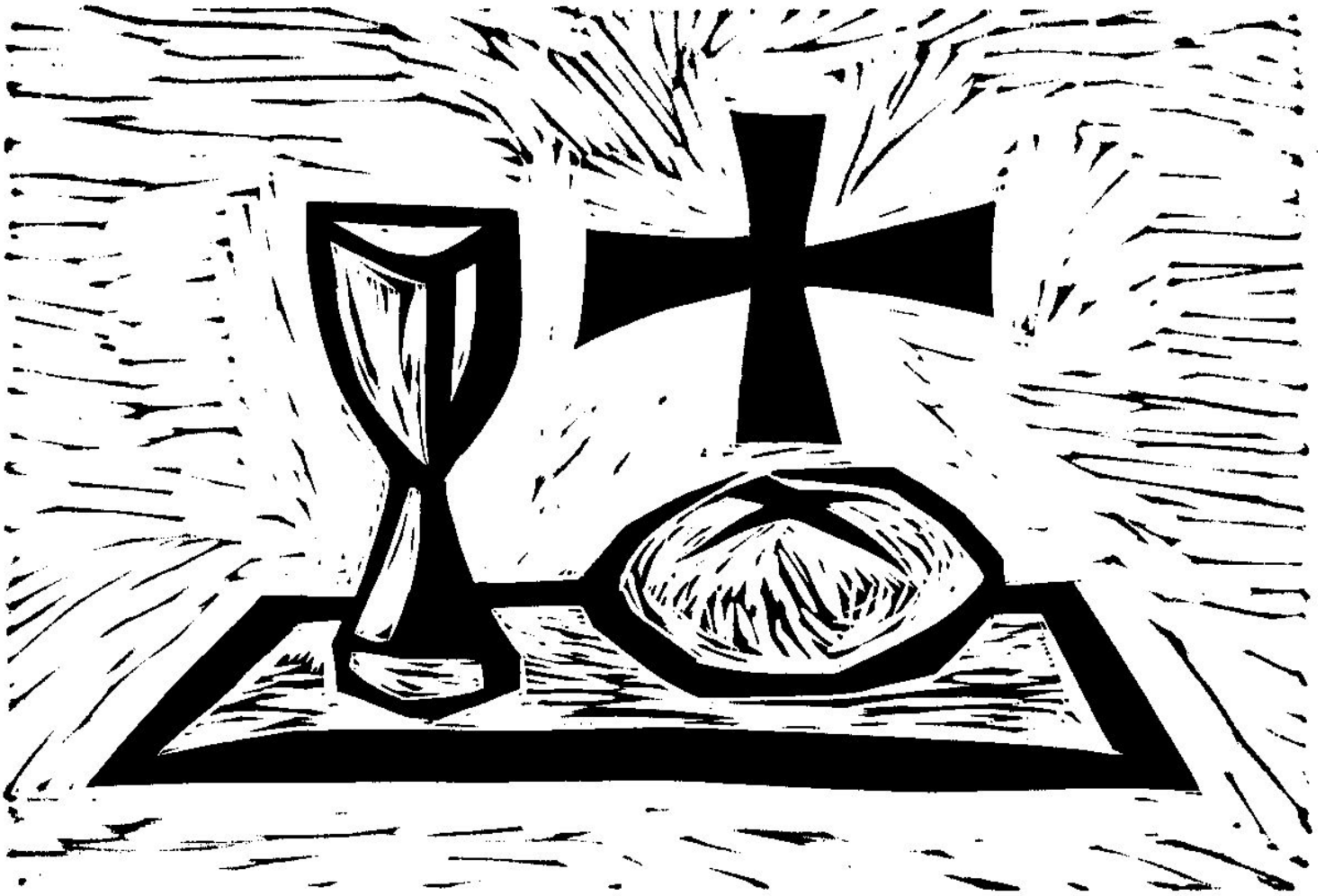


St Bridget's West Kirby with  
Caldy church

# Maundy Thursday



Music is played at the beginning of the service.

*Do not be afraid: Philip Stopford*

Please stand as the ministers enter.

## THE GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you

All: and also with you

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.’

Let us confess our sins against God’s love, and ask to be  
cleansed.

Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.

We ask for your mercy and help.

**When we take our ease rather than watch with you:**

Lord, forgive us

All Christ, have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace

yet nurse enmity in our hearts. Lord, forgive us

All Christ, have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us

rather than stretch out our hands to bless Lord, forgive us

All Christ, have mercy.

When we deny that we know you for fear of the world and its  
scorn; Lord forgive us

All Christ, have mercy.

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

**All** Amen

Let us pray  
that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

*The Collect*

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful.

**All** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READINGS

This is the word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.



## SERMON

MUSIC Drop, drop slow tears: Orlando Gibbons

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.

We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and  
service. Lord, hear us

*All* and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us

*All* and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe  
through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us

*All* and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us

*All* and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples  
that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

*All* and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death  
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.  
We remember those who have died in the peace of  
Christ. Lord, hear us  
*All* and welcome all your children into paradise. Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

Jesus says; 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be  
afraid'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* And also with you

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All* The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The prayer continues and all respond following:*

... we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

All: 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.

*The prayer recalls the last supper and we respond following:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.



*At the end of the prayer we respond:*

All: Amen.

## 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

Every time we eat this bread

All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

All: Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive  
you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*All are welcome to come and receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing,  
simply come up but keep your hands below the altar rail*

## MUSIC during communion

According to thy gracious word: James Montgomery

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All    **Amen.**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

The altar and sanctuary are stripped bare. The lights are dimmed. The remaining consecrated bread is now taken to the 'Garden of Gethsemane' (altar of repose) for The Watch.

Please remain seated or kneeling.

**Music may be played**

## THE WATCH

Jesus said to his disciples 'stay awake and pray not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing enough, but the human nature is weak' Mark 14: 38

**PLEASE EITHER MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE OR  
LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE**

The church will remain open for a time of watching prayer until 11pm. You are welcome to return at any time.

