

ST BRIDGET'S WEST KIRBY

Harvest festival



celebrating creation

ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

Our young people from storytellers and members of our music group and choirs share the leading today as we worship God with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

Please place your gifts of food on the table near the front as you arrive or during the first hymn.

Thank you for your generosity

OPENING HYMN

Praise and thanksgiving
Lord, God we offer
For all things living
You have made good
Harvest of sown fields
Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields
Blossom and wood

You are providing
Food for Your children
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share
One with another
So that rejoicing
Sister and brother
May know Your care

Then will Your blessing
Reach every people
Each one confessing
Your gracious hand
When You are reigning
No one will hunger
Your love sustaining
Fruitful the land

GREETING

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

Let us love one another **Because love comes from God**

God of all people and places,
we come to give thanks for the beauty of creation.
God of the hungry
we come to give thanks for our food
God of the homeless
we come to give thanks for our homes
God of generosity
we come to give thanks for all we share
For all we enjoy, we give you thanks

SAYING SORRY

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources
of the world.

For the times when we have not cared for the world
and your creation.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy

For the times when we have been greedy and selfish
and not shared the earth's resources fairly.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

For the times we have wasted food and not provided for
those who are hungry
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

May 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
Amen

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Creator God, you make all things
You give us the earth and the seasons,
the rain, the sun, and the wind.
Make us thankful people with generous hearts,
ready to share your goodness and love with all creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GOSPEL READING from the Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus was teaching the people. He said to them
'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was
thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you
clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in
prison and you came to visit me.'

WE DECLARE OUR 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**

HYMN ABBA FATHER

**Abba, Father, let me be yours and yours alone.
May my will for ever be more and more your own.
Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go.
Abba Father, let me be yours and yours alone.**

WE PRAY



For creation



For the world



For others



For ourselves

THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

HYMN – I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

During this hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar as we remember with thanks all that God has given us.

**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.**

HOLY COMMUNION - 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation.
In your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live
in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour Jesus 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

INVITATION TO SHARE IN COMMUNION

He whose table was open to all is now
present in this bread.

He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship to us all.

Here are the gifts of God for the people of God

Come, the feast is ready.

Amen. Lord we come.

Please now come forward to receive communion. We operate an 'Open Altar' policy at St. Bridget's; all are welcome to make their communion, in good faith, regardless of age, gender, race, colour or sexuality. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your hands lowered.

Hymns during communion

**As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.**

When your Father made the world, before that world was old,
In his eye, what he had made was lovely to behold,
Help your people to care for your world.

Chorus

*The world is a garden you made,
And you are the one who planted the seed.
The world is a garden you made,
A life for our food, life for our joy,
Life we should love and protect from greed.*

And the world that he had made, the sea, the rocks the air,
All the creatures and the plants he gave into our care,
Help your people to care for your world.

Chorus

And the children of the earth like sheep within your fold,
Should have food enough to eat, and shelter from the cold,
Help your people to care for your world. *Chorus*

Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you,

He offered His Body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole... broken for me

Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine... broken for me...

This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you... broken for me...

This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new... broken for me...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
creation and have shared in the bread of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that
you give us, and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

A COMMITMENT TO THE WORLD

The earth is the Lord's and all that lives on it. We
believe that living gratefully and giving
generously are marks of faith
We believe that all of humanity should have fair
access to the earth's resources.
We believe that every individual must act to preserve this
world so that the children of tomorrow might not be
burdened with the mistakes of today.

**And so we commit ourselves to think globally,
to trade fairly, to live responsibly,
and to love this world as God loves it. Amen**

BLESSING

May the heavens bless you.
May the sun shine on you.
May the rain dance on your wellies.
May the stars make you wonder and smile.
May the earth bless you and may you bless the earth
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, rest
upon you this day and always. **Amen**

HYMN SING HOSANNA

When there's grain in the field keep us thankful
Give us grain in the field we pray
When there's grain in the field keep us thankful
keep us thankful 'til the end of day ...

SING HOSANNA, sing Hosanna,
sing Hosanna to the King of Kings.
Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King

When there's fruit on the trees keep us praising
Give us fruit on the trees we pray
When there's fruit on the trees keep us praising keep us
praising 'til the end of day SING HOSANNA

When there's rain in the sky keep us hopeful
Give us rain in the sky we pray
When there's rain in the sky keep us hopeful keep us
hopeful 'til the end of day SING HOSANNA

When there's food in our homes keep us grateful
Give us food in our homes we pray
When there's food in our homes keep us grateful keep us
grateful 'til the end of day SING HOSANNA

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Join us for sausage baps in the Centre