

# St Bridget's West Kirby

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to be you

## All Together Worship

Our young people from storytellers and members of St Bridget's school choir share the leading today as we worship God with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

## GREETING

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

Let us love one another

**because love comes from God**

## OPENING HYMN

The Spirit lives to set us free,  
walk, walk in the light;  
It binds us all in unity,  
Walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light, Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light of the Lord.



Jesus promised life to all,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the dead were wakened by His call,  
walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light....

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,  
walk, walk in the light;  
the Father's kindness is revealed,  
walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light....

The Spirit lives in you and me,  
walk, walk in the light;  
it's light will shine for all to see,  
walk, walk in the light.  
Walk in the light....

## A GATHERING PRAYER

Living God,  
we come with our joys, our sorrows,  
our achievements, hopes  
fears and failures.  
You know us better  
than we know ourselves.  
Help us to trust in your love  
as we worship you with open hearts,  
open minds and open hands.  
**Amen**



## SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

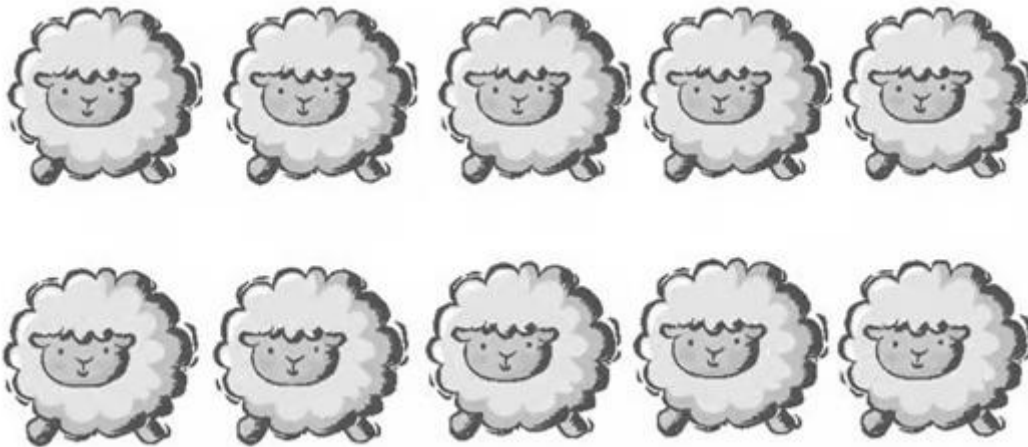
For the times we have not been honest  
about who we are or how we feel.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

For the times we speak or behave in ways  
which make others feel hurt or unsafe.  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

For the times when we do not speak up for you  
or speak out against things we know are wrong  
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 his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-7



## REFLECTION – rejoice with me !

## HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving of ourselves that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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.**

## **A TIME OF PRAYER**

## **THE PEACE**

Jesus said:  
'Love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you are to love one another.'  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you**

*Sharing the peace expresses our willingness to work for peace in our relationships, our homes and communities. This is the peace which God desires for the whole world.*

## HYMN

Empty broken here I stand, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Touch me with Your healing hand, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Take my arrogance and pride, **Kyrie eleison,**  
wash me in Your mercy's tide, **Kyrie eleison.**

### CHORUS

**CHORUS**  
**Kyrie eleison,**  
**Christe eleison,**  
**Kyrie eleison**

When my faith has all but gone, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Give me strength to carry on, **Kyrie eleison,**  
when my dreams have turned to dust, **Kyrie eleison,**  
In You O Lord I put my trust, **Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

When my heart is cold as ice, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Your love speaks of sacrifice, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Love that sets the captives free, **Kyrie eleison,**  
O pour compassion down on me, **Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

You're the voice that calms my fears, **Kyrie eleison,**  
You're the laughter dries my tears, **Kyrie eleison,**  
You're my music, my refrain, **Kyrie eleison,**  
Help me sing your song again, **Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

## 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.**

Gracious 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
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.  
This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

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.  
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.  
This is our story.



**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

**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.**



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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, not because you understand,  
but because you are understood.  
Come, not because of how you feel,  
but because God has food for you.  
Come, not because you deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites you,  
just as you are.



All **Amen, Lord we come.**

*Please come up for communion after this invitation. We have an open altar and in good faith all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your hands lowered. During communion the music group and children will lead us in song. You are welcome to join in*

## SUCH LOVE

Such love, pure as the whitest snow  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know  
Such love, paying the debt I owe, O Jesus, such love

Such love, stilling my restlessness  
Such love, filling my emptiness  
Such love, showing me holiness, O Jesus, such love

Such love, springs from eternity  
Such love, streaming through history  
Such love, fountain of life to me, O Jesus, such love

**'Come to me', says Jesus 'all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you, I will give you rest.**

**I am meek and humble, find, with me, release  
from false airs and graces; come and be at peace.'**

**Hear the call of Jesus, come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation, you the honoured guest.**

**Here, where bread is broken, here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him, find your faith restored.**

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord  
for you to reveal yourself to us  
There is a longing in our hearts for love  
we only find in you, our God

For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer  
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God  
REFRAIN

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer  
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God  
REFRAIN

Lord, save us, take pity, light in our darkness  
We call you, we wait,  
Be near, hear our prayer, O God  
REFRAIN

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord of all, we thank you for sharing your life with us,  
help us to love you more each day  
and to share your love with others.  
Amen**

## BLESSING

As we have been welcomed today,  
So may we offer welcome to friends and strangers.  
As we have been touched by God's love today,  
So may we give love to everyone we meet.  
As we have found safety today,  
So may we create safety for all who need it.  
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be among you this day and always  
**Amen**

## FINAL HYMN:

**My Jesus, my Saviour  
Lord there is none like you  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty, praise to the king.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of your name  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you**

## SENDING OUT

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

THE MUSIC GROUP WILL SING AND PLAY AS WE LEAVE  
**Please take this service book away with you**

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT ST BRIDGET'S

Each Sunday morning during our 10am service, we have activities in St Bridget's centre for children and young people. These are led by Andrew Gibb our children and families' worker, providing an engaging way to learn about faith, Christian values and making a positive difference to our world.

### ALL ARE WELCOME

Simply come to St Bridget's for 10am

## THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Advent is just 2 weeks away. We begin a wonderful season of waiting and wondering. There are some resources, including daily Bible readings for use during Advent at the back of the churches. These are just £2 each – simply put the £2 in any of the collection boxes, envelopes or plates.

## ART FOR THE SOUL Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1 – 4pm in St Bridget's Centre

Local artist Alice Price is available to lead an afternoon workshop with a mix of art, creativity and spirituality: £12 per person including all materials and refreshments. Please let Paula know if you would like to come asap.

## CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 12th December, 12.30 – 3.30pm in the Hilbre Room at St Bridget's Centre. Cost £20 to include all materials, tea, coffee and mince pie. Numbers are restricted to ten people – please give your name to Paula in the office.

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