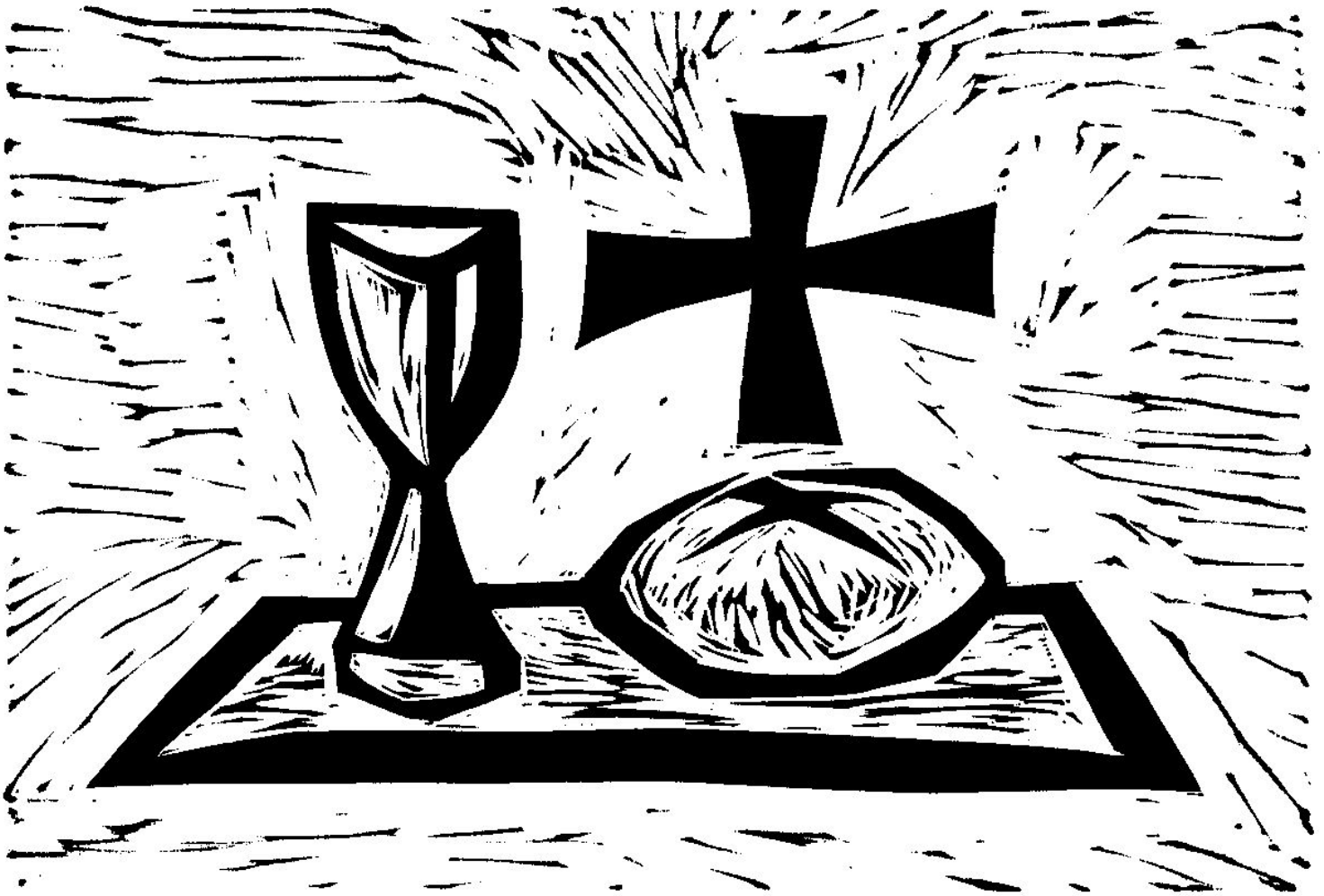


St Bridget's West Kirby with

Caldy church

Maundy Thursday



Music is played at the beginning of the service.

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
and also with you

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Seeking cleansing and forgiveness.
Let us confess our sins against God's love,

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
Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts,
Lord forgive us
Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless,
Lord forgive us
Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn,
Lord forgive us
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 **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.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

GOSPEL *please stand*



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON OR REFLECTION MAY FOLLOW

FOOTWASHING

music is played as foot washing takes place

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response in the intercessions:

Servant king
hear our prayer.

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
And also with you

HYMN

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 to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Bridget and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

**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

Wherever hearts are broken, Jesus brings healing.
Wherever lives are torn, Jesus brings wholeness.
We break this bread,
to share in the body of Christ

*All are welcome to receive communion. if you would prefer a blessing,
simply come up, but keep your head bowed and your hands down.
Music is played during communion.*

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.
Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

Please remain seated or kneeling. The lights are dimmed.

The remaining consecrated bread is now taken to the 'Garden of Gethsemane' (altar of repose) in the Lady Chapel. Here we will watch with Jesus remembering how he prayed as his friends grew heavy with sleep. We will watch until we hear of his arrest.

The altar and sanctuary are stripped bare, symbolising the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples, his humiliation by soldiers, and his stripping of garments before the Crucifixion

Psalm 22 is sung

*v1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?*

*v11 Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.*

*v24 For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.*

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 until midnight for a time of watching prayer. You are welcome to return at any time.

