



**St Bridget's West Kirby**

# Mo<sup>th</sup>er<sup>ing</sup> Sun<sup>day</sup>



**th<sup>an</sup>king God for all who  
care for us**

**At the end of the service please join us for refreshments  
in St Bridget's Centre**

## OPENING HYMN:

*Refrain* **All our blessings, all our joys  
With thankful hearts we sing,  
God of love and faithfulness,  
Accept the praise we bring.**

**For parents and for children,  
For partners and for friends,  
For those whose care enfolds us  
With love that never ends. *Refrain***

**For all who've shared our sorrow,  
Walked with us in our pain,  
Who've held our hand through darkness  
And showed us light again. *Refrain***

**For fellowship and friendship  
For all we have to give,  
For those who've shared our journey  
And taught us how to live. *Refrain***

*Ally Barrett 2020*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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

## **SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS**

For the times we have failed to nurture or care for those in need, Lord have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the times we have not noticed or enjoyed what you have given us.

Christ have mercy

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the times we have not always being kind to people who love us.

Lord have mercy

**Lord, have mercy.**

God who loves us  
more we can than we can imagine,  
give you forgiveness and healing  
for all that is past,  
and peace for all that is to come.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 12:46-50**

## **TALK**

## **HYMN**

**Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and yours alone.  
May my love 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**

## **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

'God says: As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you.'

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, homes and communities. This is the peace which God desires for the whole world.*

### HYMN

**Fathers and mothers,  
sisters and brothers,  
all those who love us,  
for whom we care:  
help and befriend them,  
keep and defend them,  
Jesus our Saviour,  
this is our prayer.**

**And for those others,  
fathers and mothers,  
children who hunger,  
they must be fed:  
we would be caring,  
readily sharing,  
one with another  
our daily bread.**

**Sisters and brothers,  
fathers and mothers,  
we who together  
offer our praise:  
hear our thanksgiving,  
God ever living,  
may we walk with you  
all of our days.**

## **THE EUCHARIST**

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.**

## 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.**

**And 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 COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table.

Come whether you feel strong or weary, courageous or anxious, curious or unsure. Come and receive from the one who delights in you being here.

**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.*

**The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul**

Refrain:

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home*

**He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights** *Refrain*

**And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know** *Refrain*

**He says that you're amazing**

*As you travel through this life  
In your plans and in your dreams  
And in everything you do  
May you know a peace inside  
As you hear the Father's voice  
And the songs of love He sings to you*

*He says that you're amazing  
He says that you're his special one  
He says that you're His precious child  
And there's no-one else like you  
He says that you are beautiful  
Do you know that you make Him smile?  
Do you know that you're His heart's delight?  
Do you know that you're amazing?  
He says that you're amazing*

**Take O take me as I am  
Summon out what I shall be  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.  
Take us, renew us, and remake us.  
Lead us onward into life.  
Amen.**



*Flowers are distributed to all in the congregation as we celebrate and give thanks for our mothers, all who care for us and the love and care we show to one another.*

## **BLESSING**

May God who made the whole earth, bless us.  
May God who draws us all together, bless us.  
May God who loves each one of us, bless us.  
And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and all whom you love,  
this day and always.  
**Amen**

## **FINAL HYMN**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising  
Keep me praising '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***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting  
Keep me resting 'til the end of day**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Give me love in my heart, I pray  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving  
Keep me serving 'til the end of day**



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

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

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at ST BRIDGET'S  
MAUNDY THURSDAY -28<sup>th</sup> March -7.30PM**

Holy Communion with foot washing and a prayer vigil

**GOOD FRIDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March - ACTIVITY TRAIL 10 -12noon**

starting in St Bridget's Centre

**10 am** service at Caldy Church

**2pm** service of prayer and reflection at St Bridget's

**EASTER DAY** 8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Celebration with Holy Communion

## We know there are those amongst us ...

- ♥ *who have mothered and nurtured others and found it a blessing.*
- ♥ *who have become mothers through new relationships and have welcomed these children into their hearts.*
- ♥ *who are new mothers and may be struggling to cope.*
- ♥ *whose children are proving a challenge.*
- ♥ *who long to be mothers and for whom this is proving difficult or impossible.*
- ♥ *who are mothers through surrogacy or adoption.*
- ♥ *whose relationship with their mother was marked by trauma, abuse, or abandonment, or they just couldn't parent you the way you needed.*
- ♥ *who gave their children to be cared for by others.*
- ♥ *who have known the awfulness of a child's death.*
- ♥ *who have experienced miscarriage or a still birth.*
- ♥ *who became mothers through acts of rape or violence.*
- ♥ *whose children are no longer close to them.*
- ♥ *whose children are missing.*
- ♥ *whose children have fallen out with one another.*
- ♥ *whose mother, or mother figure, has died and are missed.*
- ♥ *who simply find days like these difficult.*

*for each and every person who has been a 'mother' to us regardless of nature, status or gender, may they receive our thanks and the blessing of God our Mother and our Father. Amen*