



St Bridget's West Kirby

Meeting Jesus on the road...



...broken bread, open eyes.

WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF 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.

WELCOME

HYMN: Morning has broken,
Like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken,
like the first bird
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh
from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall,
sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall,
on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness
where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight,
mine is the morning
Born of the one light,
Eden saw play
Praise with elation,
praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

OPENING PRAYER

Young and young at heart, strangers and friends

We come to God's house

In good times and sad times, in light and in darkness

We come to God's house

Seeking God's help, asking for God's blessing

We come to God's house

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Forgive us Lord, for all the harmful and careless words we have said to, or about, other people.

Lord have mercy

Forgive us Lord, for all the times we have kept silent, forgotten to speak out against injustice and forgotten to tell others of your love.

Lord have mercy

Forgive us, Lord, for all the times we forget to talk to you and forget to praise your name.

Lord have mercy

On this day, as on every day, God stands before us, arms wide open to embrace us, heart wide open to forgive us.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: The Spirit lives to set us free.

Walk, walk in the light

He binds us all in unity.

Walk, walk in the light

Chorus: *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. Chorus: *Walk in the light...*

Jesus died at Calvary.
Walk, walk in the light
To save the lost like you and me.
Walk, walk in the light. *Chorus: Walk in the light....*

We know his death was not the end.
Walk, walk in the light
He gave his Spirit to be our friend.
Walk, walk in the light. *Chorus: Walk in the light....*

The Spirit lives in you and me.
Walk, walk in the light
His light will shine for all to see.
Walk, walk in the light. *Chorus: Walk in the light....*

THE GOSPEL STORY: Meeting Jesus on the road

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



At the end: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And at the end

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the
Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

HYMN: As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped he carried on.

'Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal'.

We sat to eat our simple spread,
Then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer;
we sensed a greater presence there.

No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.

Allelulia! Allelulia!
Allelulia! Allelulia!
As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead!

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Lord of life, You created the universe
Where all living things reflect your glory

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your
children. You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:



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

We thank you, loving Father, because,
when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Bridget and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with him 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 COMMUNION

The travellers on the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus. But when he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and shared it, they knew it was him. So, let us recognise him in our sharing and our blessing and may the fruits of God's creation feed us all.

All are welcome to come and receive communion. Please ask if you require gluten free wafers .If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your head bowed and your hands down.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION *(Please join in)*

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, broken for you
The body of Jesus broken for you

Come to my table and with me dine
Eat of my bread and drink of my wine
Broken for me, broken for you
The body of Jesus broken for you

This is my body given for you
Eat it remembering I died for you
Broken for me, broken for you
The body of Jesus broken for you

This is my blood I shed for you
For your forgiveness, making you new
Broken for me, broken for you
The body of Jesus broken for you

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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: 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*

The Music Group will sing: We will lay our burden down

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of light and love,
We thank you for feeding us
with the bread of life.
Kindle your light within us so that we too,
may be your resurrection light in the world.
Amen**



NOTICES

HYMN

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe, and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance,
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Chorus*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Chorus*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Chorus*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Chorus*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the risen Lord meet you on the road,
Lead you into all truth, and guide you on your path.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with you today and always

Amen

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.



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

Please take this service book away with you

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