

St Bridget's West Kirby



**Easter Day
Holy Communion**

THE GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you

This is the Good News -the grave is empty
Christ is Risen
Alleluia!

This is the Good News -the light shines in the darkness and
the darkness can never put it out
Alleluia!

We share the Good News -today and always
Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us confess our failure to love as Christ loves

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

GLORIA

please join in with the choir, until we fill the building with a sound of celebration!

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,

Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COLLECT

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Readings

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

*Refrain. Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.***

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.***

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.***

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

We turn to the font and remember our call to follow Christ.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent,
we renew the promises made at our baptism. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

**See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation come, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, bringing life to all,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit, who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ 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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.
You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels in celebration saying:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

**Jesus Christ has died.
Jesus Christ is risen.
Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
✠ send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.
Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit

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
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Christ's table, furnished with love.
Come whether you have seen and believed,
or are dubious and doubting still,
whether you confess confidently,
or with a fragile, fearful heart.
Come and share these gifts of grace,
encounter Christ, and be healed by love
Alleluia! Lord we come!



All are welcome to come and receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your head bowed and your hands down.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here. *REFRAIN*

Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. *REFRAIN*

Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim, 'til he comes,
Jesus crucified. *REFRAIN*

REFRAIN

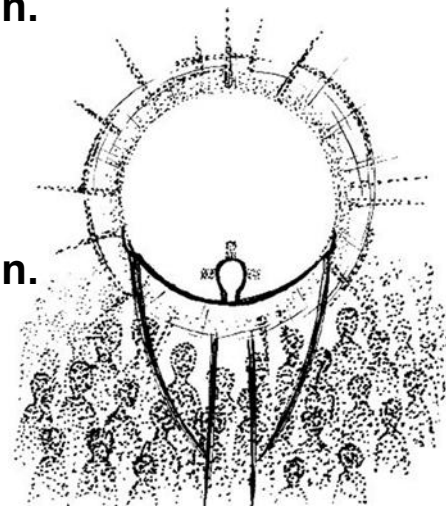
*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life for ever
In this moment by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.*

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that never he would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.



Such love, pure as the whitest snow
Such love, weeps for the shame I know,
Such love, only our God can show
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.

**1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.**

**2. Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, O for sinners slain.** *Chorus*

Chorus:
Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
Your work on earth is done.

**3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve
My King forever, in that holy place.**
Chorus

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**

FINAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.



Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

BLESSING

May God who out of defeat,
brings hope and a new future, fill you with new life,
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be upon you this day 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.

