

# ***St Bridget's, West Kirby*** ***with Caldy Church***



## **HOLY COMMUNION DURING ORDINARY TIME**

*The Church of England operates an "open table" policy and Christians of all Churches are welcome to make their communion with us. The Church does not require you to be confirmed.*

*We seek to be an inclusive Church and people of all faiths, ages, race, and sexuality are welcome in our midst.*

*Jesus seeks to unite all peoples, not divide with false barriers of prejudice and ignorance.*

## Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church's year. There are thirty-three weeks, divided into two sections; one short and the other very long. The weeks between the Christmas and Lent seasons are the shorter part of Ordinary Time while the weeks between Pentecost and Advent season form the long stretch.

The word 'ordinary' comes from the word ordinal which means 'counted'. Each week is known by a number, e.g. the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The use of the term Ordinary Time distinguishes it from the other seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter - which focus on particular aspects of the life of Jesus: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection.

Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' teaching and ministry. It gives us opportunity to reflect on how we live as Christians, to look at and 'order' our lives while we read and reflect on one of the Gospels. The Church has a three year cycle for focussing on a particular Gospel so that we can enter it more deeply.

Year A – The Gospel of Matthew

Year B – The Gospel of Mark

Year C – The Gospel of Luke

The colour of Ordinary Time is green,  
the rich colour of growth and new life.



The spirituality of Ordinary Time contains the essence of who we are in the 'everydayness' of our Christian lives. Ordinary Time deserves to be lived extraordinarily—in the depths of our own hearts, in our families and in the worshipping community.

## THE GATHERING

A hymn may be sung

The Lord be with you  
*All* and also with you.

### Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### Prayers of penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for forgiveness and peace.

*a time of quiet reflection*

Together we confess:



*All*      **God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

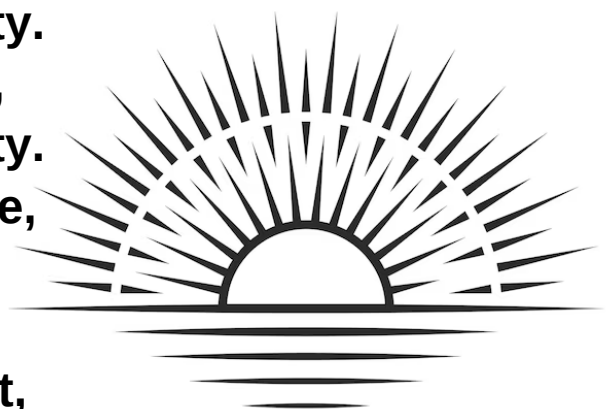
The God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

*The Gloria may be sung or said*

*Sung*      **Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
Glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
Glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Glory, Glory to the Lord**



*Or said*      **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you; we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect - prayer for the day

## The LITURGY of the WORD

### Readings

*One or two readings may follow. After the readings:-*

This is the word of the Lord  
*All*      **Thanks be to God**

A hymn may be sung

### The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*  
*All*      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

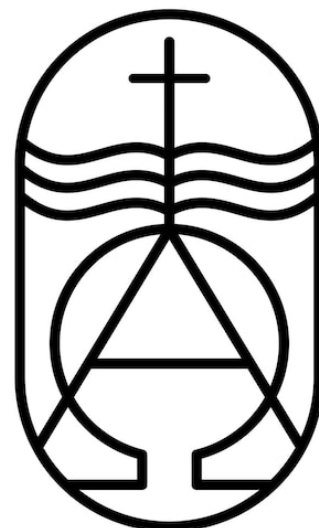
Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All*    **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.**



### The Prayers

*We kneel or sit for a time of prayer. This response may be used*

*All*    Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*and at the end*

*All*    Merciful father  
**Accept these prayers  
For the sake of your Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen**

# The LITURGY of the SACRAMENT

## The Peace

God is love and those who live in love  
live in God and God lives in them.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory hymn

## Eucharistic Prayer

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*Sung* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

*Said* **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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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.



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 and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*All* Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us  
at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;✠  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Bridget and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you,  
Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

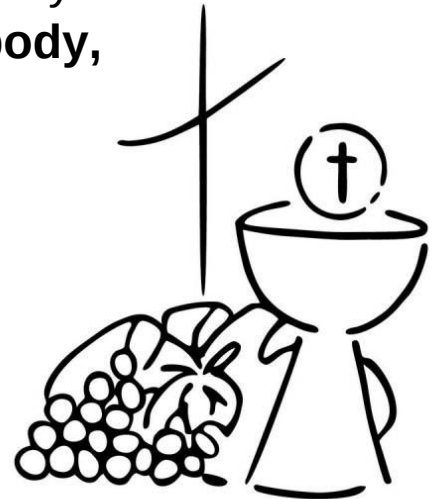
As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All*      **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 forever. Amen.**

*All*      **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.**

*Sung*      **Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb,  
Jesus is the Lamb of God.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb,  
Jesus is the Lamb of God.  
Who was and is and is to come,  
Jesus is the Lamb**

*Said*      **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**



## Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All*      **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*All are now welcome to come for communion. If you would prefer  
a blessing simply keep your hands lowered and bow your head.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence may be kept*

*A prayer suitable for the Sunday or Season may be used.*

*All*      **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Notices and Banns of marriage may now be given*

## Blessing

God the Holy Trinity  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace  
and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
be with you this day and always.

*All*      **Amen**



**A hymn may be sung**

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE.**

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