

ST BRIDGET'S WEST KIRBY

filled to overflowing



WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

Today we celebrate with our curate Ruth her ordination to the priesthood.
Our young people from Storytellers and members of our choirs
share the leading as we worship God
with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

GREETING

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

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

SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

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

For the times we forget to reveal your love to the world
Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

For the times when we try to ignore or limit the work of your
Holy Spirit in our lives.

Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

For the times we fail to use the gifts you have given us to
change the world for the better

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The God of love grant you pardon
and forgiveness of all your sins,

and assure you of his eternal love

In Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of new life, come to us today,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Teach us to see the new things you are doing in us.

Help us to embrace the changes

and challenges you ask of us,

as we look for the coming of your kingdom. **Amen**



Reading from Paul's letter to the people of Corinth

An interview based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

HYMN: Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me**

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Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us
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GOSPEL READING

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

" Jesus said: If you love me and keep the commandments I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Advocate, another Helper to be with you always—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you."

The Inclusive Bible

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

TALK

WE DECLARE OUR FAITH

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

I believe and trust in God.

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 God the Son.

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 the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

PRAYERS

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

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

PEACE

The Spirit bears fruit in love, joy, patience and peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

HYMN

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**



During this hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar as we remember with thanks all that God has given us.

HOLY COMMUNION - 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.

We give you thanks O God
for your love for the world.
You look upon us all and name us good.

We thank you for Jesus Christ
who gave hope to ordinary people like us.

We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit
which transforms the ordinary
into the extraordinary.

We thank you for all that we have
and all that we share
and join in words of everlasting praise

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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
Jesus 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.

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.

As our Saviour Jesus 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**

Come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like more;
you who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus
and feel you have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him 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 choirs will lead us in song. You are welcome to join in.

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

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove:
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us - long, long ago -
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard. Refrain

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day. Refrain



Empty broken here I stand, **Kyrie eleison,**
Touch me with Your healing hand, **Kyrie eleison,**
Take my arrogance and pride, **Kyrie eleison,**
wash me in Your mercy's tide, **Kyrie eleison.**

CHORUS Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,

When my faith has all but gone, **Kyrie eleison,**
Give me strength to carry on, **Kyrie eleison,**
when my dreams have turned to dust, **Kyrie eleison,**
In You O Lord I put my trust, **Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

When my heart is cold as ice, **Kyrie eleison,**
Your love speaks of sacrifice, **Kyrie eleison,**
Love that sets the captives free, **Kyrie eleison,**
O pour compassion down on me, **Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**



You're the voice that calms my fears,**Kyrie eleison,**
You're the laughter dries my tears,**Kyrie eleison,**
You're my music, my refrain,**Kyrie eleison,**
Help me sing your song again,**Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

Humble heart of holiness,**Kyrie eleison,**
Kiss me with Your tenderness,**Kyrie eleison,**
Jesus, faithful Friend and true,**Kyrie eleison,**
All I am I give to You,**Kyrie eleison. CHORUS**

*The 'Sing Aloud' choir will sing 'May the road rise to meet you'
by Alexander L'Estrange and Joanna Forbes*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God
You fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending your Holy Spirit
And opening to all people the way of life eternal.
Fill our hearts and open our lips with your Spirit,
That through our words and actions
We may reveal you in all the world
Amen.

NOTICES

BLESSING

The Spirit of God rest upon you,
Fill you with peace and love and
guide you in all that you do
And the blessing of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine ...

DISMISSAL

Filled with the Spirit's power
go in the light and peace of God
Thanks be to God.

**Thank you for being here -please come and join us as
we share in a celebratory lunch with Ruth for her
first celebration of Holy Communion**