



St Bridget's West Kirby

new



beginnings

All Together Worship

Our young people from storytellers and members of St Bridget's school choir
share the leading today as we worship God
with open hearts, open minds and open hands.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Let us love one another
because love comes from God

OPENING HYMN: Here I am to worship

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me. **REPEAT**

A GATHERING PRAYER

We thank you for the gift of a fresh start
and the beautiful promise of new beginnings.
We lay down the worries of the past week
and open our hearts to your Holy Spirit.

As we worship, learn, and grow together,
give us the courage to step into the new seasons
you have prepared for us.

Guide our steps, renew our hope,
and let your light shine through our church family.

Amen

SAYING SORRY AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

You are the Lord of new life and new beginnings:

For the times we have chosen to be selfish, complained,
or hurt others with our actions. Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

For the good things we were supposed to do but chose
to skip out of laziness or fear. Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

For the times we have turned away from the needs of
others. 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**

ALL CHANGE

Hymn

**Our God loves us, his love will never end
God rests with-in our hearts
for our God loves us.**

**His gentle hand, God stretches over us.
Though storm-clouds threaten the day
God will set us free.**

**God comes to us in sharing bread and wine.
God brings us life that will reach
past the end of time.**

**Our God loves us; his faithful love endures.
And we will live like a child
held in love secure.**

READING From the Gospel according to Matthew

TALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

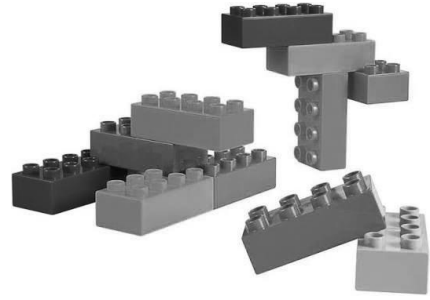
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named.**

**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

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

Sharing the peace expresses our willingness to work for peace in all our relationships, in our homes and communities. This is the peace which God desires for the whole world.

HYMN

**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**

***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**

***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***

**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**

And I will trust in You alone ...

THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you

All: **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.**

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.
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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. You are welcome to join in

**As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after you
You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship you**

*You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

**I want you more than gold or silver
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.**

**You're my friend and you are my brother
even though you are king.
I love you more than any other
so much more than anything.**

There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah Holy one

*Thank you O my Father for giving us your son
And leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer,
name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
O, for sinners slain. *refrain*

When I stand in glory
I will see his face
And there I'll serve my king forever
in that holy place. *refrain*

BENEDICTION SONG

Here in this place we come together,
Joining our hearts and bringing our praise,
Grateful to God for one another,
Grateful for all of our days.

Here in this place we stand together,
Here in His love we open our eyes,
Looking to God for one another,
This is the prayer of our lives:

CHORUS May the Lord bless you and keep you
 Everywhere you go,
 May you know His smile upon you,
 May His delight be your home.
 May the Lord bless you and keep you
 Growing in His love,
 May you be sure of His goodness
 This day and all of your life.

3 - Repeat verse 1

4 - Repeat verse 2

CHORUS May the Lord bless you and keep you
 Everywhere you go,
 May you know His smile upon you,
 May His delight be your home.
 May the Lord bless you and keep you
 Growing in His love,
 May you be sure of His goodness
 This day and all of your life.

May the Lord bless you and keep you
Everywhere you go,
May you know His smile upon you,
May His delight be your home.

The children from 'Sing Aloud' will sing 'God is all around us'

FREYA AND GRACE From the top of a mountain
From the shore by the sea
I can see God's creation
Stretching out in front of me
When I look up at the sky
When I gaze into the night
The miracle of the world
fills me with wonder and delight.

**God is all around us in the country and the street
God is all around us in the people we meet
God is all around us
And God is in me
Let me be God's beacon
For everyone to see**

SEREN AND POPPY When I see birds flying high
And the creatures down below
See the changing leaves of Autumn
When I play in winter snow
When I taste the harvest fruits
Feel the warmth of summer sun
I touch all creation
And the good things God has done **CHORUS**

LUCY AND AGNES In the laughter of friendship
In the tears of those who weep
In the anger of a quarrel
In the peace of sleep
In the joy of human love
In the warmth of an embrace
I can feel God's presence
God's spirit, love and grace **CHORUS**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
We thank you for feeding us at your table.
You give us gifts and make them grow.
Like seeds broadcast on the wind,
send us out from this place
to sow your seeds of love
in every place we go.
Amen

FINAL HYMN:

**One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me traveling a long with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.**

**Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see,
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.**

**As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way I know:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.**

**Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.**

**You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me traveling along with you.**

BLESSING

May your heart be filled
with the joyful expectation
that goodness is coming,
may you realise that you are never too old
to dream a new dream
And the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Rest upon you, this day and always.

Amen

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

PLEASE COME FOR BISCUITS AND DRINKS IN THE PARISH CENTRE