

ST BRIDGET'S WEST KIRBY

a caring hand



...celebrating St Luke

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.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, when the Saints go marching in
Oh, when the Saints go marching in
I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh when Saint Luke begins to pray
Oh when Saint Luke begins to pray
I want to be in that number
When Saint Luke begins to pray

Oh, when His med-icine brings peace
Oh, when His med-icine brings peace
I want to be in that number
When his medicine brings peace

Oh, when we're held in healing hands,
Oh, when we're held in healing hands,
I want to be in that number,
When we're held in healing hands.

GREETING AND GATHERING PRAYER

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

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

Generous God,
you gave St. Luke the special job of a doctor
to show everyone how much Jesus loves and heals.
As we come together to praise you,
send your Holy Spirit to be present among us.
Help us to be quiet and listen to you.

Open our hearts today,
and remind us how important it is to be kind,
gentle, and helpful to anyone who is sick, sad, or hurting.
Open our hearts to your healing presence.
Amen!

SAYING SORRY

Sometimes we make choices that hurt our friends,
and our hearts feel heavy: **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

Sometimes we get angry or scared,
and we forget to ask for help: **Christ, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.

Sometimes we forget your promise to hold our hands,
comfort us, and help us try again: **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and grace
grant you pardon and peace, free you from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Gracious God,
You called Saint Luke to be a doctor and a helper.
He wrote about Jesus and shared your love.
as we gather today, we celebrate and honour all who
bring comfort and healing to our world,
through medicine and teaching
Amen

GOSPEL READING from the Gospel according to Luke

TALK

WE DECLARE OUR FAITH

**We believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world.**

**We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
Who gives life to the people of God.**

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

HYMN

**Listen to my voice and then turn back to me
I will heal your heart and I will set you free.
Oh my dearest child how much you mean to me
Let me fill your life and love you tenderly**

**Rest within my arms and let your fears depart,
feel my peace and joy bind up your broken heart.
I will wipe your tears and make you whole again.
Come to me my child and let me share your pain.**

**Take my hand and now we will begin once more,
I will walk beside you as I did before
I have never left you though your eyes were dim
walk with me in light and let my love pour in.**

WE PRAY

THE PEACE

Jesus said 'Love one another, as I have loved you,
so you are to love one another'

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

HYMN – BROTHER SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU

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

**Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

repeat verse 1

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.



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

INVITATION TO SHARE IN COMMUNION

If your body is tired or aching, this table is for you.

If your mind is stressed, anxious, or heavy, this table is for you.

If your heart is hurt or carrying sadness, this table is for you.

If your faith feels small or you are filled with questions—this table is for you.

Come to be loved, come to be fed,
and come to be made whole.

Amen. Lord we come.

Please now come forward to receive communion. We operate an 'Open Altar' policy at St. Bridget's; all are welcome to make their communion, in good faith, regardless of age, gender, race, colour or sexuality. If you would prefer a blessing, simply keep your hands lowered.

Hymns during communion

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

Chorus:

Listen, let your heart keep seeking;
Listen to his constant speaking;
Listen to the Spirit calling you.
Listen to his inspiration;
Listen to his invitation;
Listen to the Spirit calling you.

He's in the sound of the thunder,
in the whisper of the breeze.
He's in the might of the whirlwind,
in the roaring of the seas. Chorus:

He's in the laughter of children,
in the patter of the rain.
Hear him in cries of the suff'ring,
in their moaning and their pain Chorus:

He's in the noise of the city,
in the singing of the birds.
And in the night-time the stillness
helps you listen to his word. Chorus:



Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak

CHORUS:

*God of the poor, friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness His cross for the pain

CHORUS

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed
Make us content with the things that we need

CHORUS

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

CHORUS X 2



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of love we thank you
for bringing us together
and feeding us.
Your love is medicine
for our hearts and bodies.
Help us to go out
in the power of your Spirit
carrying your kindness, peace, and joy
into the world.
Amen**

BLESSING

Go out into the world
knowing that Jesus has fed you,
loves you, and is making you whole!
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
Rest upon you this day and always.
Amen

HYMN WE ARE MARCHING

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching,
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God

We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living, living
We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God
We are living, living
We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God

We are moving in the love of God
We are moving in the love of God
We are moving in the love of God
We are moving in the love of God
We are moving, moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the love of God
We are moving, moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the love of God

and we are marching ...

DISMISSAL

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

Please join us for refreshments in the Centre