

St Bridget's West Kirby with Caldy Church



Holy Communion Christmas Season

The Church of England operates an "open table" policy and Christians of all Churches are welcome to make their communion with us. 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.

The Gathering

ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand

The Greeting

Grace mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you**

Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

We pause for silent reflection

God our Mother and Father, you sent your Son full of grace and
truth; forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty and laid in a
manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

**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

The priest prays the prayer for the day to which we respond

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We sit for the readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory

All Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *M.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Please stand

**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.**



Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

The following response may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Please stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and his name is called the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

The priest prepares the offerings on the Altar

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and on this night was born of the Virgin Mary

by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh

you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,

to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

A// **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.

Great is the mystery of faith

A// **Christ has died, Christ is risen,
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.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray ***Please kneel or sit.***

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 for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread for ever.**

*All are now welcome to make their communion. If you would prefer
a blessing, please keep your hands down and head bowed. A hymn
may be sung during or after communion.*

Post-Communion Prayer

please kneel or sit

The priest says the prayer for the day to which we respond

All **Amen.**

Notices may be given out at this point.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Please stand

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Mary and Joseph,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain
with you always.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

We have opened the stable door
and adored the Christ Child.

All **We have received the living Lord.**

Now we go on our way rejoicing.

All **Glorifying and praising God! Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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