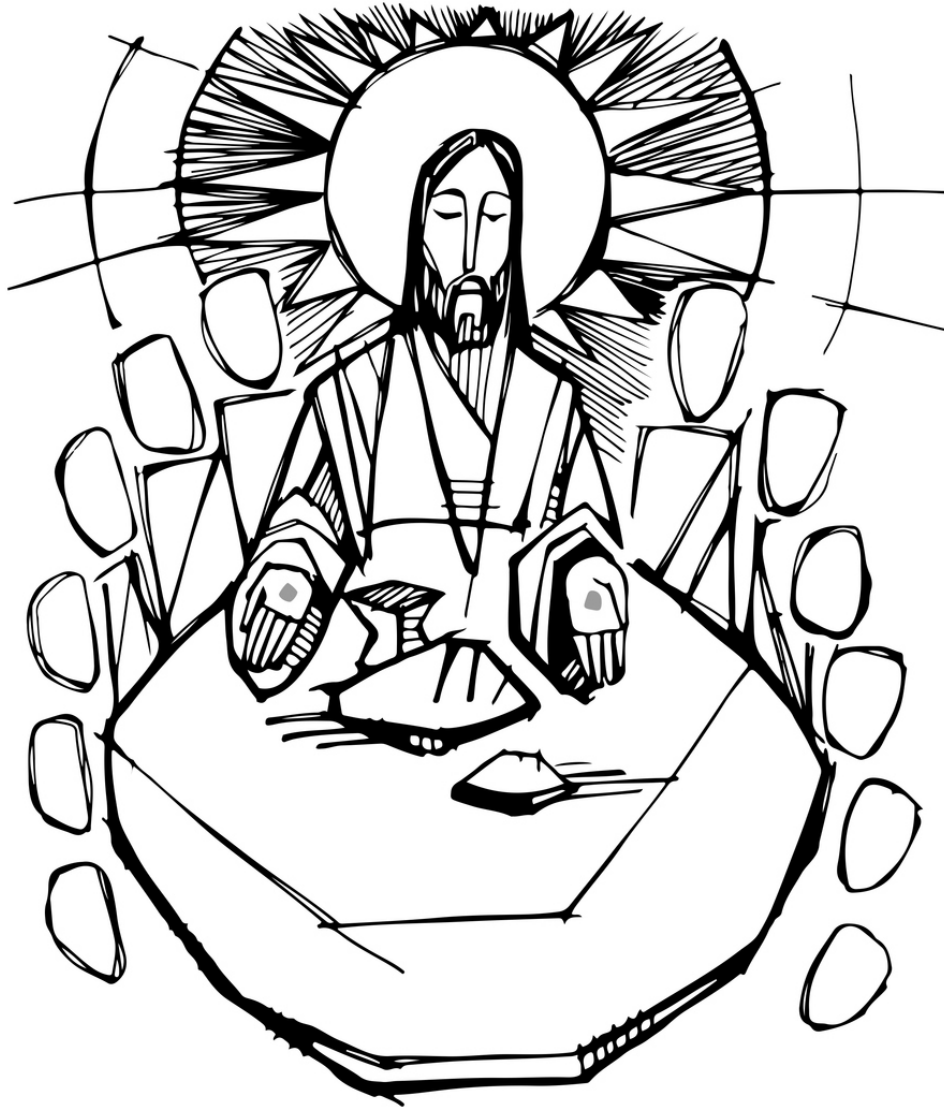




St Bridget's, West Kirby

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.

As a parish we are part of the Inclusive Church network and people of all faiths, ages, ability, race, gender 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

Opening hymn

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
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

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

A time of quiet reflection

Together we confess:

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.
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.
Amen.**

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 - 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
Thanks be to God

Gradual hymn

The Gospel

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

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers

We kneel or sit for a time of prayer.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

and at the end

Merciful father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

The LITURGY of the SACRAMENT

The Peace

Christ is our peace; he has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn

*We no longer pass a collection plate during this hymn, please see the
back of this service book for ways of making your offering*

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great
goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
✠may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen

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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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.

**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. Please put your hands out to receive the bread and respond 'Amen' If you would prefer a blessing simply keep your hands lowered and bow your head.

Prayer after Communion

Silence may be kept following which a prayer suitable for the Sunday or Season may be used. We then say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices and Banns of marriage may now be given

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final hymn

Dismissal

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

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

We no longer pass a collection plate around during the service.

If you feel able to support our churches and ministry in the parish, please use the payaz giving station or leave an offering in the plate at the back of church.

Alternatively, use this QR code

or visit <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/donate/>

Thank you for supporting our mission and ministry

