

# St Bridget's West Kirby with Caldy Church



## Holy Communion Epiphany 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.

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

*All* **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 grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
who sacrificed himself for us  
to purify a people as his own.

*A time of quiet*

Let us confess our sins  
**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**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Prayer for the Day

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Readings**

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of Christ

*All* **Praise to you, O Lord**

### **Sermon**

### **The Apostles Creed**

*please stand*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
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,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace**

Please ***stand***

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

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

## Offertory Prayer

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation.

*All*    **Amen**

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.**

*The prayer continues and all respond following*

in this our joyful hymn of praise:

*All*    **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.**

*The prayer continues and all respond following*

Great is the mystery of faith

*All*    **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and all respond following*

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

### **The Lord's prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

*All*     **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.**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

*All*     **Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light,  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord

*All*    **Amen.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Christ the Son of God, perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you,  
now and always

**Amen**

We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**