

# **The Parish of St Bridget's West Kirby and Caldby**

## **A Service of Holy Communion**

**The Gathering**

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### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 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**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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 Absolution**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Reading/s**

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.** *and at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**The Peace**

*The President introduces the Peace and says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

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**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Offertory Prayer**

Blessed be God who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor and who fills our hearts with praise

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The 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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.**

*The President recalls the Last Supper....ending with the words*  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we  
pray... **Our Father in heaven....**  
*or*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught  
us...**Our Father who art in heaven**

## **Breaking of the bread**

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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

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

*In Church: the President receives the wine on behalf of all present and then says 'The Body of Christ'. All are invited to come forward to receive the bread or a blessing*

**An act of Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home via Zoom.** *The President receives the bread and wine on behalf of all and then invites everyone to join in this prayer*

**O loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries who have gathered to hear your holy word and receive the precious body and blood of your dear Son, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though today I am unable to receive the bread of heaven and drink the cup of life, I pray that you will bless me and unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Amen**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

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## **The Dismissal**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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