

A caring church where all are welcome to know the Peace
and Love of God

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

The Parish Church of All Hallows, Bardsey, and The Church of Saint Mary Magdalene East Keswick

Order of Service for Parish Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent, 19th March 2023
10am St Mary Magdalene – Mothering Sunday

**We welcome Mother Andi Hofbauer from St Aidan's Church
who is leading our service today**

We sing: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Mission Praise 149 (449)

INTRODUCTION (all remain standing)

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

All and also with you..

CONFESSION

We say together:

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your
salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

**All Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

**All Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.**

BIBLE READINGS FOR TODAY

Psalm 19

¹ The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.

² **Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.**

³ They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.

⁴ **Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.**

God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

⁵ It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding.
It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

⁶ **The sun rises at one end of the heavens**

and follows its course to the other end.

Nothing can hide from its heat.

⁷ The instructions of the Lord are perfect,
reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ **The commandments of the Lord are right,
bringing joy to the heart.**

**The commands of the Lord are clear,
giving insight for living.**

⁹ Reverence for the Lord is pure,
lasting forever.

The laws of the Lord are true;
each one is fair.

¹⁰ **They are more desirable than gold,
even the finest gold.**

**They are sweeter than honey,
even honey dripping from the comb.**

¹¹ They are a warning to your servant,
a great reward for those who obey them.

¹² **How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart?
Cleanse me from these hidden faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant from deliberate sins!
Don't let them control me.

Then I will be free of guilt
and innocent of great sin.

¹⁴ **May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing to you,**

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the book of Exodus (2:1-10)

¹ About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. ⁵ Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.

⁷ Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked.

⁸ "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. ⁹ "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.

¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the second book of Corinthians (1:3-7)

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵ For the more

we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶ Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷ We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

We sing: Majesty – Mission Praise 151 (454)

A gospel reading from the book of Luke (2:33-35)

³³ Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.

This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

We sing: Take My Life and Let It Be – Mission Praise 212 (624)

APOSTLES' CREED

**All: 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

Ending with: 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.**

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God of love,

passionate and strong,

tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us

all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sing: Great is Thy Faithfulness – Mission Praise 62 (200)

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.**

It's World Water Day on 22 March – please pray for the 2 billion people across the globe who are living without access to safe water and support them by donating to the work of WaterAid - www.wateraid.org/uk

As part of Lent, a 'Quiet Day' is being organised at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield (monastic community) on Wednesday 29th March, 10am-3pm. We will enjoy the house and grounds, worship in the beautiful chapel and enjoy fellowship. A two course lunch will be served for £10. Please let Angela know if you want to come or contact the Parish office.

Holy Week Events:

* Monday 3rd April – Lent Reflections, All Hallows Church 7pm

Tuesday 4th April – Lent Reflections, St Mary Magdalene 7pm

* Wednesday 5th April – The Seven last words – Heritage Singers 7pm

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday service, St Mary Magdalene 7pm

Good Friday – Reflections 11am St Mary Magdalene, 2pm All Hallows

* Please note we may have to change venues if All Hallows' heating is not repaired in time – do check our website and contact the Office for updates nearer the time.

Did you know you that both churches have a selection of books that you can read and return?

This service sheet is available to download from the website. Why not try that and help save paper!

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