

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 Joint Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday after Easter, 28th April
10.30am All Hallows, Bardsey

**We welcome the Bishop of Kirkstall, Rt Revd Arun Arora
who is preaching and presiding today during our Fundraising
Weekend**

We sing: Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human
knowledge, force of goodness
without cease. Celebrate the
Maker's glory, power to rescue
and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the
hungry; frees the captive, finds the
lost; heals the sick, upsets
religion, fearless both of fate and
cost. Celebrate Christ's constant
presence - friend and stranger,
guest, and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us
Liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or
gender, age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
One God in Community,
Calling us to leave behind
Faith's ghettos and obscurity.
Thus the world shall yet believe
When shown Christ's vibrant
unity.

Tune: Praise my soul the king of heaven. (J Goss c. 1986 Wild Goose Publications)
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The Greeting *(please remain standing)*

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

All: **And also with you**

Prayer of Preparation

All: **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.**

Prayer of Penitence

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Minister: May 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. **Amen**

The Prayer for Today

Minister: Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Genesis (22:1-18)

¹ Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

“Yes,” he replied. “Here I am.”

²“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah.

Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

³The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵“Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”

⁶So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,

⁷Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”

⁸“God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

⁹When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. ¹¹At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”

¹²“Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”

¹³Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means

“the Lord will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

¹⁵ Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from heaven. ¹⁶ “This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that ¹⁷ I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. ¹⁸ And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

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

A reading from the book of Acts (8:26-end)

²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

³³ He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?”

³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

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

We Sing: Alleluia, alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord (Mission Praise 9)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation

Alleluia, Alleluia...

Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia...

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia...

God has proclaimed the just reward, Life for all men, alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia...

Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, Alleluia...

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The Gospel reading for today (*please remain standing*)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8)

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

¹ "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have

already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

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

Address (*please sit*)

Affirmation of Faith (*please stand*)

All: **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.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us sit or kneel to pray to the Father

After: Lord, in your mercy - *please respond:* **Hear our prayer.**

After: Merciful Father - *please respond:* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace (*please stand*)

Minister: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We sing: The King is Among Us (Mission Praise 222)

The King is among us	For each child is special
His Spirit is here	Accepted and loved
Let's draw near and worship	A love gift from Jesus
Let songs fill the air	To his Father above
He looks down upon us	And now he is giving
Delight in his face	His gifts to us all
Enjoying his childrens' love	For no one is worthless
Enthralled by our praise	And each one is called

The Spirit's anointing
On all flesh comes down
And we shall be channels
For works like his own

We come now believing
Your promise and power
For we are your people
And this is your hour

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The Eucharistic Prayer *(please sit or kneel)*

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing
for ever the hymn of your glory.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: 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

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

Minister: 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**

Minister: 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.**

Minister: 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.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Minister: Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All: **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your
table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body
and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

You are most welcome to come to the altar rail to take communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, carry this service sheet with you.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Minister: Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

All: **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 - Angela

We sing: Go Forth and Tell (Mission Praise 61)

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake! God's saving news to all the nations take; Proclaim Christ Jesus, saviour, Lord, and king, that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all; He will in grace respond to all who call: How shall they call if they have never heard the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! Men still in darkness lie; In wealth or want, in sin they live and die: Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind, a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide: Share God's good gifts - let no one be denied; Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose. Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise! Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies; Go till all nations his great name adore and serve him, Lord and king for evermore.

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Minister: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay for lunch, served after this service in church.

Services for May

Wednesday 1st May: 11am Holy Communion Service St Mary Magdalene

Sunday 5th May: Joint Parish Holy Communion 10am St Mary Magdalene

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day Service 11am All Hallows

Sunday 12th May: Holy Communion 8am All Hallows, Family Service
9.15am St Mary Magdalene and 10.45 All Hallows with Baptism

Sunday 19th May: Morning Worship 8am All Hallows, Holy Communion
9.15am St Mary Magdalene and 10.45am All Hallows

Sunday 26th May: East Keswick Methodist Church Anniversary Service
10.30am

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on
Tuesday 7th May at 7pm in St Mary Magdalene. This is an opportunity to
review our parish over the last year. All welcome.

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and affirms every person and does not discriminate.