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## **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 Holy Communion, the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, 25 January 2026, 10.30am, All Hallows.

We welcome Revd. Kingsley Dowling today

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#### **We sing: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (A&M 4)**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true the only Light, Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thysel display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88), CCLI  
1307134/714723

#### **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: 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. Let us confess our sins.

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: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Bible Readings for Today

### *A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:1-4)*

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10-18)*

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the

gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **We sing: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (A&M 247)**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto Me and rest; Lay  
down, thou weary one, lay  
down thy head upon my  
breast.” I came to Jesus as I  
was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold I freely give. The living  
water; thirsty one, stoop down  
and drink, and live.” I came to  
Jesus, and I drank of that life-  
giving stream; My thirst was  
quenched, my soul revived, and  
now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s Light;”  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall  
rise, and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in  
Him my star, my sun; and in  
that Light of life I’ll walk till  
travelling days are done.

H. Bonar (1808-89), CCLI 714723/1307134

### **The Gospel Reading for Today (please remain standing)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(4:12-23)

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in

Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—<sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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

**Address** (*please be seated*)

**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: 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.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## **We sing: Christ Be Our Light (on screen)**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

*Christ be our light!...*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

*Christ be our light!...*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

*Christ be our light!...*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

*Christ be our light!...*

## **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: All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing 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.**

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: Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your

word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **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.

### We sing: All My Hope in God is Founded (A&M 336)

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew. Me  
through change and chance he  
guideth, only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone, calls my  
heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he  
buildeth, tower and temple, fall to  
dust. But God's power, hour by  
hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye  
endureth, deep his wisdom,  
passing thought: splendour, light,  
and life attend him, beauty  
springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store new-  
born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done, high  
above all praises praising for the  
gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth  
call one and all: ye who follow  
shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930), CCLI  
1307134/714723

Minister: 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, the 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 refreshments after the service.**

### **Services in February**

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Joint Holy Communion, SMM

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion, SMM

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion, AH  
10.45am Family Service with baptism

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Joint Holy Communion, SMM

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday service to be confirmed

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion, AH  
10.30am Joint Holy Communion, AH

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celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.**

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