

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 Holy Communion, Fourth Sunday of Easter
26 April 2026, 10.30am, St Mary Magdalene
We welcome Rev. David Robinson today

We sing: At the Name of Jesus (A&M 148, omitting verses 2,6,7)

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it,
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed;

Name him, brothers, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

Caroline M. Neal 1827-77
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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, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

Teach us to hear your voice, and to follow your command, that all of your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:19-25)

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

A reading from the Book of Acts (2:42-47)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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

We sing: Father Hear the Prayer We Offer (A&M 113)

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength, that we may
ever, live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be:
but the steep and rugged
pathways, may we tread
rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living
fountains from the rocks along
our way.

Be our strength in hours of
weakness, in our wanderings be
our guide; through endeavour,
failure, danger, Father, be Thou
at our side.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10)

All: Glory to you O Lord

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of

speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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 joy and hope let us pray to the Father

After: We pray to the Father **please respond: Hear our prayer**

The Peace (*please stand*)

Minister: The risen Christ came and stood amongst his disciples and said "Peace be with You". They were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We sing: The King of Love My Shepherd Is (A&M 126)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he
is mine forever.

Where streams of living water
flow, my ransomed soul he
leadeth, and, where the verdant
pastures grow, with food
celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I
strayed, but yet in love he sought
me, and on his shoulder gently
laid and home rejoicing brought
me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

H.W Baker (1821-77) Psalm 23 CCLI:
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The Eucharistic Prayer (*please sit or kneel*)

Minister: Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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: Merciful Father, you gave your son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (MP 101)

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with His saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with His saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way
Days of darkness still may meet
me, sorrow's path I oft may tread,
But His presence still is with me;
By His guiding hand I'm led.

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Minister: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,

through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Services in May

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Sun 3rd May 10.30am HC, AH

Wed 6th May 11.00am HC, SMM

Sun 10th May 8.00am HC, AH
9.15am HC, SMM
10.45am HC, AH

Thu 14th May 11.00am Ascension Day Service, AH

Sun 17th May 10.30am EKMC Anniversary Service, followed by lunch.

Sun 24th May 8.00am HC, AH
10.30am HC, AH

Sun 31st May 10.30am HC, SMM

Callister Café will be open on Tuesday 12th May, 12.45-2pm at the Callister Hall. Please come along all welcome. No charge, but all proceeds to St Aidan's Foodshare.

Can you help?

The Bardsey Stitchers are needing your help to create a poppy display for the lychgate at All Hallows for Remembrance Sunday. The poppies can be knitted, crocheted or made from fabric/felt. NOT paper or card. There is a pattern in AH porch or available on the British Legion Website. Contact Janet Ingham for more details 07704 231701.

Please note we are an inclusive Parish - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

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