

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 Joint Parish Holy Communion
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, the 800th Anniversary of St
Francis, 4 October 2026, 10am at All Hallows, then pilgrimage to
St Mary Magdalene Church for 11am

The Greeting *(Please remain standing)*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Minister: The heavens declare the Glory of God,

All: And the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

Minister: Loving God, who in Christ, the firstborn of all creation,
called all things into being, grant, we pray, that inspired by the
life-giving breath of your Spirit, and the example of your
faithful servant Francis of Assisi, we may lovingly care for the
work of your hands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

We sing: All Creatures of our God and King (A&M 105 omit v 5&6)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun
with golden beam, thou silver moon
with softer gleam.

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so
strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven
along, O praise him, Alleluia! Thou
rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye
lights of evening, find a voice.

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest all both warmth and light,

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

W.H Draper (1855-1933) CCLI
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The bible reading based on Francis of Assisi – Canticle of the Creatures

A reading from the Book of Job (39.1-18)

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? ² Do you count the months till they bear? Do you know the time they give birth? ³ They crouch down and bring forth their young; their labour pains are ended. ⁴ Their young thrive and grow strong in the wilds; they leave and do not return. ⁵ “Who let the wild donkey go free? Who untied its ropes? ⁶ I gave it the wasteland as its home, the salt flats as its habitat. ⁷ It laughs at the commotion in the town; it does not hear a driver’s shout. ⁸ It ranges the hills for its pasture and searches for any green thing. ⁹ “Will the wild ox consent to serve you? Will it stay by your manger at night? ¹⁰ Can you hold it to the furrow with a harness? Will it till the valleys behind you? ¹¹ Will you rely on it for its great strength? Will you leave your heavy work to it? ¹² Can you trust it to haul in your grain and bring it to your threshing floor? ¹³ “The wings of the ostrich flap joyfully, though they cannot compare with the wings and feathers of the stork. ¹⁴ She lays her eggs on the ground and lets them warm in the sand,

¹⁵unmindful that a foot may crush them, that some wild animal may trample them. ¹⁶She treats her young harshly, as if they were not hers; she cares not that her labour was in vain, ¹⁷for God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense. ¹⁸Yet when she spreads her feathers to run, she laughs at horse and rider.

Minister: Let us go forth, strong in faith and hope and love.

All: Thanks be to God.

[We set out to walk to East Keswick and halfway there we pause]

Psalm 121 is one of the fifteen “Songs of Ascents” (Psalms 120–134), traditionally sung by pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem for the three annual festivals. The psalmist begins by lifting their eyes to the hills, asking, “Where does my help come from?” and immediately answers that help comes from the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills—
where does my help come from?

**²My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

³He will not allow your foot to slip—
you protector will not slumber;

**⁴The Protector of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade on your right hand;

**⁶the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord will guard you from evil—
he will preserve your soul;

**⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

St Mary Magdalene Church, 11am

We sing: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (MP 153)

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring
your love. Where there is injury
your pardon, Lord, and where
there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never
seek, so much to be consoled as to
console. To be understood as to
understand, to be loved, as to love
with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me
bring hope. Where there is
darkness, only light, and where
there's sadness ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never
seek...*

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned. In giving of ourselves
that we receive, and in dying that
we're born to eternal life.

Gloria in Excelsis

Minister: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

Minister: In earth be peace to all people

All: In earth be peace to all people

Minister: Alleluia! Amen.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Minister: Glory to God glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus

All: Glory to God glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus

Minister: You hear our prayer and show mercy

All: You hear our prayer and show mercy

Minister: Alleluia! Amen.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Minister: Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory Holy Spirit

Minister: To God be glory for ever
All: To God be glory for ever
Minister: Alleluia! Amen.
All: Alleluia! Amen.

The Collect

Minister: Loving God, you always delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12.13-21)

All: Glory to you O Lord

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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

Address

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

All: **We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world and suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

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

All: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We sing: All Things Bright and Beautiful (A&M 116 omitting v5)

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens, each
little bird that sings, he made their
glowing colours, he made their
tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful...

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by, the sunset,
and the morning, that brightens up
the sky.

All things bright and beautiful...

The cold wind in the winter, the
pleasant summer sun, the ripe
fruits in the garden, he made them
every one.

All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell, how
great is God Almighty, who has
made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)
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[The priest takes the bread and wine]

Minister: As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once
dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread
and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All: Amen.

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: Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to
you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you
have created all things and all your works echo the silent
music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in
your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath

and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

Minister: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

Minister: From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Minister: Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary, St Francis, St Mary Magdalene, and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Giving of Communion

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

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

*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 Peace *(please stand)*

Minister: You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Blessing

Minister: May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation.

And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life.

All: Amen.

We sing: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (MP 185)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Dismissal

Minister: As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God.

All: Lord of life and giver of hope, we pledge ourselves to care for creation, to reduce our waste, to live sustainably, and to value the rich diversity of life. May your wisdom guide us, that life in all its forms may flourish, and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.

Minister: Go in peace, and may the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen. Amen. Amen

Please stay for refreshments after this service.

Services for October

Wednesday 7th: 11am Holy Communion, SMM

Sunday 11th: 8am Holy Communion, AH
10.30am Family Service with Baptism, AH

Sunday 18th: 10.30am Joint Parish Holy Communion SMM

Sunday 25th: 8am Holy Communion, AH
10.30am Morning Worship SMM
3pm Memorial Service, AH

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

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