

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, the Second Sunday of Epiphany, 11 January 2026, 10.30am, All Hallows.

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#### **We sing: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (A&M 27)**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin: make straight the way for God within, prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward. Without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

#### **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: Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## The Bible Readings for Today

### *A reading from the book of Isaiah (42:1-9)*

<sup>1</sup> “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” <sup>5</sup> This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

<sup>6</sup> “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *A reading from the book of Acts (10:34-43)*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what

has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,<sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.<sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

**We sing: Spirit of the Living God (MP 209) - Sing Twice**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:13-17)

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now;

it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.” Then John consented. <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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: We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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: Breathe on Me Breath of God (MP 25)**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew, that I may  
love what thou dost love, and  
do what thou wouldest do

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure, until with  
Thee I will one will, to do and to  
endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine, until this  
earthly part of me glows with  
Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die, but live with  
thee the perfect life of Thine  
eternity.

### **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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God. You celebrated your new gift  
of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your  
voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the  
presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your  
Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your  
servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to  
preach the good news to the poor. Therefore, as we  
celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to  
echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising  
you and saying:

**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: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father, in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: By the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (MP 123)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run, his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and princes throng to crown his head. His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are bless'd.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Minister: May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; 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 January**

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Sun Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am East Keswick Methodist Church  
Covenant Service

Sun Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Joint Holy Communion, SMM

Callister Café will be open again on Tuesday 13th January from 12.45- 2pm in the Callister Hall. All welcome. No charge, but any donations go to the St Aidan's Foodshare.

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

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