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 Morning Worship, the Sunday before Advent, Christ the King, 22 November 2026 10.30am, All Hallows

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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: 714723/1307134

Introduction

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

All: and also with you.

Confession

All: **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Minister: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Minister: Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All: **giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Minister: Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All: **let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Minister: Open our lips, Lord:

All: **and we shall praise your name.**

Bible Readings for Today

Psalm 95:1-7

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

3 For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

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

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24)

11 "'For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. 12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. 14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. 16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. 20 "'Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, 22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. 23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

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

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23)

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom

and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21** far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

We sing: Majesty (MP 151)

Majesty, worship His Majesty:
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the

kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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

Sermon

We sing: The Servant King from Heaven You Came (on screen)

From heav'n you came, helpless babe. Entered our world, your glory veiled; Not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we may live.

This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours' he said.

This is our God...

Come and see his hands and feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

This is our God...

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God...

Graham Kendrick CCLI: 1307134/714723

Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Ending with…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.

Prayer for Today

Minister: God the Father, help us hear the call of Christ the King and follow in his service whose kingdom has no end; For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

We sing: Crown Him with Many Crowns (MP 39)

Crown Him with many Crowns,
The Lamb upon his Throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy chosen King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began;
And ye who tread where He had
trod, crown him the Son of Man,
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His
own, that all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife,
For those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to whom is
given the wondrous name of
love: All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

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Blessing

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Please stay for refreshments after this service.

Services in November/December

Sun 29 Nov:	**Advent Sunday** 10.30am HC, SMM
Wed 2 Dec:	11am HC, SMM
Thu 3 Dec:	6pm Carol Service Beavers Group, AH
Sun 6 Dec:	10.30am HC, AH
Sun 13 Dec:	8am HC, AH 3pm Christingle, AH
Wed 16 Dec:	7pm WI Carol Service, AH
Sun 20 Dec:	8am HC, AH 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service, SMM
Mon 21 Dec:	7pm The Angel's Nativity EK Village Hall
Thu 24 Dec:	**Christmas Eve** 3pm Crib Service, SMM 4pm Crib Service, AH 11.30pm Midnight Mass, AH
Fri 25 Dec:	**Christmas Day** 10.30am Family Service, AH
Sun 27 Dec:	8am HC, AH

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