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 on the Sunday before Advent, Christ the King, 22 November 2026, 8.00am All Hallows

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

The Bible Readings for Today

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**

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

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

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 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: To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending 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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; That they, plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works, may you be plenteously rewarded; 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.

Minister: Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, 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 for 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

With Christmas approaching, any donations for the St Aidan's FoodShare would be gratefully received at the collection points at the Callister Hall in Bardsey or 21 The Paddock, East Keswick or at the back of St Mary Magdalene.

Also, if you can knit blankets or baby clothes for BabyBasics to give someone a Christmas gift made with love that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Drop any items at the Parish Office.

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