

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 Parish Holy Communion  
Easter Day, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 8.00am All Hallows

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**The Greeting** (please remain standing)

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Minister: This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The president lights the Easter Candle, saying;*

Minister: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

**Confession**

Minister: Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

Minister: We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

Minister: We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**All: Lord, hear us and help us.**

Minister: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer for Today**

Minister: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Bible Readings for Today**

A reading from the book of Jeremiah (31:1-6)

<sup>1</sup> "At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." <sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says: "The people who survive the sword will find favour in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel." <sup>3</sup> The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. <sup>4</sup> I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. <sup>5</sup> Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. <sup>6</sup> There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'"

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.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:1-10)

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as

snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Address** (*please be seated*)

**Affirmation of Faith** (*please stand*)

**All: Let us declare our faith In the resurrection of our Lord Jesus: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. 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: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also 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: Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes  
from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope he touched  
untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they  
turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to  
table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your  
people.

This is his story

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and said: this is my body, given for  
you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the  
cup, gave it and said: this is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate  
the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he  
rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the  
world.

This is our story

**All: This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed  
on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and  
all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and  
be welcomed at your feast in heaven, where all creation  
worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Blessing and  
honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Minister: Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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: So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*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: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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 crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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 this service.*

***WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL EASTER!!!***

### **Services for April**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Family Service and Baptism, SMM

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Holy Communion, AH

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am Holy Communion, SMM

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

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