

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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am 23 August 2026, All Hallows.

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 of constant mercy, who sent your son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (51:1-6)

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ² look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man and I blessed him and made him many. ³ The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴ “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (12:1-8)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in

accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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 (16:13-20)

All: Glory to you O Lord

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: 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 all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise 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: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; 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 in August/September

Sun 30th August 10.30am HC, AH

Wed 2nd September 11.00am HC, SMM

Sun 6th September 10.30am HC, AH

Sun 13 th September	8.00am HC, AH 10.30am Family Service, SMM
Sun 20 th September	8.00am HC, AH 10.30am HC SMM
Sun 27 th September	11.00am Harvest Festival, AH followed by lunch.

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

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