

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 Joint Holy Communion, Sixth Sunday  
of Easter, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 10am All Hallows Church, Bardsey  
with APCM

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**We sing: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (MP27)**

Christ is made the sure  
foundation, Christ the head and  
cornerstone. Chosen of the Lord,  
and precious, binding all the  
Church in one; Holy Zion's help  
for ever, and her confidence  
alone.

All within that holy city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation. Sing, in  
perfect harmony; God the One in  
Three adoring, in glad hymns  
eternally.

We as living stones invoke you;  
Come, among us, Lord, today!  
With your gracious loving-  
kindness, hear your children as  
we pray, and the fullness of your  
blessing in our fellowship display

Here entrust to all thy servants  
What we long from you to gain;  
That on earth and in the heavens  
We one people shall remain,  
Till united in your glory  
Evermore with you we reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
Praise and honour to the Son,  
Praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one  
One in power and one in glory  
While unending ages run.

## **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: Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: Help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **The Bible readings for today**

*A reading from the book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)*

The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. <sup>3</sup> Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?”

“O Sovereign Lord,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord!’ <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! <sup>6</sup> I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. <sup>8</sup> Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’”

<sup>10</sup> So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, ‘We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore, prophesy to them and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the Lord. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!’”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from book of Acts (16:9-15)*

<sup>9</sup> That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” <sup>10</sup> So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

<sup>11</sup> We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. <sup>15</sup> She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **We sing: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine (MP22)**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long;*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story...*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour all the day long;*

## **The Gospel reading for today (please remain standing)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:23-29)

### **All: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

<sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. <sup>28</sup> Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come

back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. <sup>29</sup> I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.

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

Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

**All: Merciful Father, 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 amongst his disciples.  
And said "Peace be with You"  
They were glad when they saw the Lord.  
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: Come Down O Love Divine (MP34)**

Come Down O Love Divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour  
glowing; O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my happy heart appear  
And kindle it Thy holy flame  
bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes, in its heat  
consuming; And let thy glorious  
light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, while my  
path illuming.

Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine  
inner clothing; True lowliness of  
heart, which takes the humbler  
part, and o'er its own  
shortcomings weeps with  
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of  
the human telling; For none can  
guess its grace, till he become  
the place, wherein the Holy Spirit  
makes His dwelling

Bianco Da Siena d. 1434, tr by Richad Fredrick Littledale, 1833-90, CCLI: 714723/1307134

## **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,  
almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to  
celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of  
death and hell and restored in men and women the image  
of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the  
joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with  
gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of  
all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.



**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 our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life; may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (MP192)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation; O my soul,  
praise Him, for He is thy health  
and salvation; All ye who hear  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise Him for glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all  
things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
yea, so greatly sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen? All that is  
needeth hath been. Granted in  
what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth  
prosper thy work, and defend  
thee! Surely His goodness and  
mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty  
can do, who with His love doth  
befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is  
in me adore Him! All that hath life  
and breath come now with  
praises before Him! Let the amen  
Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Joachim Neander 1650-80, tr Catherine Winkworth 1829-78 CCLI: 714723/1307134

Minister: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 and the APCM after this service.

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### Services for June

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>: 10am Joint Parish HC, SMM

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: 11am HC, SMM

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>: 8am HC AH, 9.15M Family Service, SMM  
10.45am Family Service with Baptisms, AH.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: 8am HC, AH; 9.15am HC, SMM; 10.45am HC, AH

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: 8am HC, AH; 9.15am MW, SMM; 10.45am MW, AH

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: 10am HC, SMM

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

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