

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 12th January 2025
8am All Hallows, Bardsey. We welcome Revd Anna Wallis who
is preaching & presiding today.

The Greeting (*please remain standing*)

Priest: 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

Priest: Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins

**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.**

Priest: 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

Priest: Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Isaiah (43:1-17)

But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you.
O Israel, the one who formed you says,
“Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
²When you go through deep waters,

I will be with you.
When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.
When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up;
the flames will not consume you.
³ For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom;
I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place.
⁴ Others were given in exchange for you.
I traded their lives for yours
because you are precious to me.
You are honoured, and I love you.
⁵ “Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
I will gather you and your children from east and west.
⁶ I will say to the north and south,
‘Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel
from the distant corners of the earth.
⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God,
for I have made them for my glory.
It was I who created them.’”

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

A reading from the book of Acts (8:14-17)

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵ As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then

Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

All: Glory to you O Lord

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy"

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address *(please sit)*

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

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us sit or kneel to pray to the Father.

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace (*please stand*)

Priest: 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.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Eucharistic Prayer (*please sit or kneel*)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is truly right and just,
Our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven

to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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**

Priest: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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.

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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

Priest: Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father

in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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.**

Priest: May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory;
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

Services for January 2025

January 19th 10.00am, Joint Parish Holy Communion, SMM

January 26th 10.30am, Covenant Service, East Keswick Methodist
Church 10.30am

Café Callister will be open again on Tuesday 14th January from 12.45-
2pm in the Callister Hall. All welcome. No charge, but any donations go
to the St Aidan's Foodshare.

Our regular Bible Study group meets this Thursday, 16 January, at 2.30pm in the Callister Hall. Come and join us as we look at the book of Acts.

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

Forms for the Parish Giving Scheme are available in the Parish Office and both churches if you prefer that to online application.

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