

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 Morning Worship
Pentecost Sunday, 19th May 2024
8am All Hallows, Bardsey

INTRODUCTION

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

CONFESSION (please be seated)

We say together:

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us
the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

Minister: May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image to the praise and
glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the
Lord Jesus,

All: giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All: let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

All: and we shall praise your name.

BIBLE READINGS FOR TODAY

Psalm 145

¹ I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.

² **I will praise you every day;
yes, I will praise you forever.**

³ Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.

⁴ **Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
let them proclaim your power.**

⁵ I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendour
and your wonderful miracles.

⁶ **Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
I will proclaim your greatness.**

⁷ Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.**

⁹ The Lord is good to everyone.
He showers compassion on all his creation.

¹⁰ **All of your works will thank you, Lord,
and your faithful followers will praise you.**

¹¹ They will speak of the glory of your kingdom;
they will give examples of your power.

¹² **They will tell about your mighty deeds
and about the majesty and glory of your reign.**

¹³ For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
You rule throughout all generations.

The Lord always keeps his promises;
he is gracious in all he does.

¹⁴ **The Lord helps the fallen
and lifts those bent beneath their loads.**

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you in hope;
you give them their food as they need it.

¹⁶ **When you open your hand,
you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in everything he does;
he is filled with kindness.

¹⁸ **The Lord is close to all who call on him,
yes, to all who call on him in truth.**

¹⁹ He grants the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cries for help and rescues them.

**²⁰ The Lord protects all those who love him,
but he destroys the wicked.**

²¹ I will praise the Lord,
and may everyone on earth bless his holy name
forever and ever.

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

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. ² 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. ³ 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."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord!' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! ⁶ 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.'" ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.’”

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.’ ¹² 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. ¹³ When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the Lord. ¹⁴ 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!’”

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A reading from the book of Acts (2:1-21)

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. ⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded

them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” ⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go! ¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying.

Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). ¹⁴ They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

¹⁵ During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. ¹⁶ “Brothers,” he said, “the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. ¹⁷ Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us.” ¹⁸ (Judas had bought a field with the money he received for his treachery. Falling headfirst there, his body split open, spilling out all his intestines. ¹⁹ The news of his death spread to all the people of Jerusalem, and they gave the place the Aramaic name *Akeldama*, which means “Field of Blood.”) ²⁰ Peter continued, “This was written in the book of Psalms, where it says, ‘Let his home become desolate, with no one living in it.’ It also says, ‘Let someone else take his position.’” ²¹ “So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus

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A Gospel reading from the book of John (15:26-27; 16:4b-15)
(please remain seated)

²⁶ “But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. ²⁷ And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry.

⁴ Yes, I’m telling you these things now, so that when they happen, you will remember my warning. I didn’t tell you earlier because I was going to be with you for a while longer.

⁵ “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not

one of you is asking where I am going. ⁶ Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. ⁷ But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged. ¹² "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

ADDRESS

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Ending with...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.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Minister: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Minster: Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Minister: For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Bardsey and East Keswick, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All: By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All: We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All: We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All: We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All We will.

Minister: God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always.
Amen

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and
peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

BLESSING

Minister: God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always.
Amen

There will be no services at All Hallows or St Mary Magdalene next week, we will be worshipping with the Methodist Congregation at 10.30am at their church in East Keswick. Lunch is offered afterwards. All Welcome.

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