

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,  
Fourth Sunday of Easter, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 8am  
All Hallows Church, Bardsey

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#### **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,  
Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
Teach us to hear your voice,  
And to follow your command,  
That all of your people may be gathered into one flock,  
To the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **The Bible readings for today**

*A reading from book of Genesis (7:1-6, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13)*

When everything was ready, the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. <sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs—male and female—of each animal I have approved for eating and for sacrifice, and take one pair of each of the others. <sup>3</sup> Also take seven pairs of every kind of bird. There must be a male and a female in each pair to ensure that all life will survive on the earth after the flood. <sup>4</sup> Seven days from now I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights, until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.”

<sup>5</sup> So Noah did everything as the Lord commanded him.

<sup>11</sup> When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky. <sup>12</sup> The rain continued to fall for forty days and forty nights.

<sup>13</sup> That very day Noah had gone into the boat with his wife and his sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives. <sup>14</sup> With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild, large and small—along with birds of every kind. <sup>15</sup> Two by two they came into the boat, representing every living thing that breathes. <sup>16</sup> A male and female of each kind entered, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD closed the door behind them.

<sup>17</sup> For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface.

<sup>6</sup> After another forty days, Noah opened the window he had made in the boat <sup>7</sup> and released a raven. The bird flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up. <sup>8</sup> He also released a dove to see if the water had receded and it could find dry ground. <sup>9</sup> But the dove could find no place to land because the water still covered the ground. So it returned to the boat, and Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back inside. <sup>10</sup> After waiting another seven days, Noah released the dove again. <sup>11</sup> This time the dove returned to him in the evening

with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone. <sup>12</sup> He waited another seven days and then released the dove again. This time it did not come back.

<sup>13</sup> Noah was now 601 years old. On the first day of the new year, ten and a half months after the flood began, the floodwaters had almost dried up from the earth. Noah lifted back the covering of the boat and saw that the surface of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup> Two more months went by, and at last the earth was dry!

<sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Leave the boat, all of you—you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup> Release all the animals—the birds, the livestock, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—so they can be fruitful and multiply throughout the earth.”

<sup>18</sup> So Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives left the boat. <sup>19</sup> And all of the large and small animals and birds came out of the boat, pair by pair.

<sup>8</sup> Then God told Noah and his sons, <sup>9</sup> “I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, <sup>10</sup> and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. <sup>13</sup> I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the book of Acts (9:36-43)*

<sup>36</sup> There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed

for burial and laid in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"

<sup>39</sup> So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.

<sup>42</sup> The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.

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 John (10:22-30)

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>22</sup> It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. <sup>23</sup> He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. <sup>26</sup> But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, <sup>29</sup> for my Father

has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

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**

Minister: 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)*

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

### **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: Merciful Father,  
You gave your son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd  
And in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
Keep us always under his protection,  
And give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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: 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 after this service.

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### Services for May

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.30am EKMC Anniversary Service with lunch afterwards

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>: 10am HC with APCM, AH

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>: 11am Ascension Day Service, AH

Callister Café will be open on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12.45-2pm at the Callister Hall. Please come along all welcome. No charge, but all proceeds to St Aidan's Foodshare.

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

### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

The APCM will take place at All Hallows Church, Bardsey on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May following the service at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

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