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 on the Second Sunday before Advent, 15 November 2026, 10.30am
St Mary Magdalene.

We sing: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (MP 103)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise. In light inaccessible hid from our eyes. Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days. Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light. Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light. Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render; O help us to see: 'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

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Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908
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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: Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation, stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess, and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the Book of Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18)

7 Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'
13 Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine." 14 The great day of the Lord is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. 15 That day will be a day of wrath — a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness — 16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. 17 "I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath." In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live on the earth.

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

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will

come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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

We sing: In Christ There is No East or West (on screen)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no north or south. But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts be everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, bothers of the faith, what’er your race may be; Who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; All Christlike souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

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The Gospel Reading for Today (*please remain standing)*

Minister: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30)

All: Glory to you O Lord

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five
bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each
according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who
had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to
work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of
gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag
went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled
accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold
brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five
bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied,
'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share
your master's happiness!' 22 "The man with two bags of gold also
came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold;
see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good
and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will
put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's
happiness!' 24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold
came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting
where you have not sown and gathering where you have not
scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in
the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied,
'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have
not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then,
you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that
when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
28 "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has
ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have

an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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: Lord in your mercy, please respond: **Hear our prayer**

After: Merciful Father, please respond: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand)*

Minister: To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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: Take My Life and Let it Be (MP 212)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store: Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79
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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, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, 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.

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: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: Bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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: Inspired by Love and Anger (on screen)

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by endless pain,
aware of God's own bias, we
ask him once again: 'How long
must some folk suffer? How
long can few folk mind? How
long dare vain self-int'rest turn
prayer and pity blind?

From those for ever victims of
heartless human greed, their
cruel plight composes a litany
of need: 'Where are the fruits of
justice? Where are the signs of
peace? When is the day when
pris'ners and dreams find their
release?

From those forever shackled to
what their wealth can buy, the
fear of lost advantage provokes
the bitter cry: 'Don't query our
position! Don't criticise our
wealth! Don't mention those
exploited by politics and
stealth!'

To God, who through the
prophets proclaimed a diff'rent
age, we offer earth's
indiff'rence, its agony and rage:
'When will the wronged be
righted? When will the kingdom
come. When will the world be
gen'rous to all instead of
some?'

God asks: 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach? And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach? And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know? And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat, attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote, a Saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

J.L. Bell &Graham Maule
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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 November

Sun 22nd Nov: 8am HC & 10.30am MW, AH

Sun 29th Nov: 10.30am HC, SMM

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