

# Services For A Pilgrimage To



## Holy Island and Bamburgh

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### Service One

Leader:- In the Name of the all-seeing Father  
In the Name of heaven's bright Son  
In the Name of the purifying Spirit  
In the Name of the Three-in-One.

All:- Amen.

Leader:- Ebb-tide and flow-tide  
Spring time and summer  
Autumn and winter-time  
Year follows year.

All:- **We come, great Father, to this Holy Island,  
We come as pilgrims,  
To stand for a moment amid the ebb and flow of the seasons,  
To stand in the footsteps of Your great saints.  
We come to gaze on Your beauty with fresh wonder,  
To kneel in repentance for our many sins,  
To openly receive of Your forgiveness.  
We come to sit and rest in the stillness,  
To leave behind, for a moment, the rush of the world.  
We come to listen to Your voice,  
And we come to respond to Your call.**

### *There may be singing.*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around,  
He burns with holy fire,  
In splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of Light.  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

*There may follow, a time of silence.*

Leader:- Jesus said: "I am the light of the world".

**All:- Shine Your holy light into the dark corners of our lives.  
Forgive us when we have preferred to walk in the shadows,  
Forgive us when we have hidden things away, hoping that You will not see.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

**All:- Guide us in the way of all truth.  
Forgive us when we have not been honest, with You, with ourselves and with those around us.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life".

**All:- You have given to us, life in all its fullness.**

**Forgive us when we have kept this life to ourselves, and not shared that life freely with our families, our friends, and our neighbours.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the bread of life".

**All:- You graciously give us all we require, sustaining us day by day.  
Forgive us when we have not helped to meet the needs of others, and we have turned our backs on the poor and the oppressed.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the true vine".

**All:- You have called us to put down deep roots into You.  
Forgive us when we have not looked first to You, when we have gone our own way instead of Yours, when we have tried to do things in our own strength, and not in Yours.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd".

**All:- As the good shepherd,  
You lay down Your life for Your sheep.  
Forgive us when we have not followed Your example, when we have not laid down our lives to serve one another, when we have not washed one another's feet, or gone that extra mile.**

Leader:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.

**All:- Lord of all, cleanse and forgive us.**

Leader:- Living Christ, be the example that we follow.  
Crucified Christ, be the means by which our sins are cleansed.  
Risen Christ, be our hope and our inspiration.  
Ascended Christ, send Your Spirit to be our guide.

**All:- In the Name of the all-seeing Father**

**In the Name of heaven's bright Son  
In the Name of the purifying Spirit  
In the Name of the Three-in-One.  
We receive Your forgiveness.  
We embrace Your hope.  
We will walk in Your way.**

*There may follow a time of silence, during which a candle may be lit*

Leader:- Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out. Light of the world, we remember today those who have faithfully walked in Your light and brought Your light to others.

**All:- We remember this day, those who have walked this Island's paths before us.  
We remember this day, those who have listened to Your voice.  
We remember this day, those who have followed Your way.  
As we remember them, may we learn from them,  
As we remember them, help us to grow.**

First person:- Lord of all, we remember Oswald, called to be king.

He fought under Your banner and you saw him through.  
His only desire was to serve You,  
and to bless those entrusted to his care.  
It was he who sent to Iona, so that his people might learn about Jesus,  
and find for themselves Your gift of eternal life.

**All:-** **Great Father of all, we remember all those called to leadership today, may they walk with You, as Oswald walked with You, in Spirit and in Truth.**

Second person:- Lord of all, we remember Cormac.  
He was sent from Iona to teach Your people.  
But all he saw was the surface:  
people of a very different culture,  
"Too stubborn," he thought, "to ever learn about You."

**All:-** **Great Father of all, we remember all those who have missed Your call, those who find themselves squeezed like square pegs into round holes, may they find their true place in Your Kingdom.**

Third person:- Lord of all, we remember Aidan as he responded to Your call.  
You equipped him, You enabled him,  
You blessed him and filled him with Your Spirit.

**All:-** **Great Father of all, fill all those who serve You in Your Church with Your Holy Spirit: equip them and enable them to transform Your world today.**

Fourth person:- Lord of all, we remember Cedd and Chad, Cynebil and Caelin.  
We remember Adda, Betti and Eata, students in Aidan's school.  
There they learned how to live as Your disciples, there they learned how to lead others to Jesus.

**All:-** **Great Father of all, may we learn what it means to faithfully walk with You, may we study Your word with diligence, may we pray with expectation, and may we be ready to share our hope with everyone we meet.**

Fifth person:- Lord of all, we remember Finan and Colman, faithful Abbots on this Holy Island, each one using the gifts You had

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given them, carefully building on what had gone before.

**All:-** **Great Father of all, we remember all those whose names never reach the headlines, and yet these people are true to Your call, Lord guide and strengthen them day by day.**

Sixth person:- Lord of all, we remember Cuthbert, a man of great patience and gentle wisdom. By the strength that You gave him he guided the Community through times of great trial.

**All:-** **Great Father of all, we remember all who are called to be peace-makers, grant them, by Your grace, great wisdom, great strength and great patience. AMEN.**

*There may follow, a time of silence.*

*There may be singing.*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but nought to me, save that Thou art,  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee Lord,  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son,  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might,  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower,  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always,  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*There may follow, a time of silence.*

Leader:- High King of the universe,  
Creator and sustainer of all,  
You have placed each star into the heavens,  
order us now in all our doings,  
order us now as we commit ourselves to Your care.

**Men:-** **May we consider the birds of the air,**

which neither sow nor reap,  
nor do they store away in barns,  
yet by Your hand they are fed.

**Women:-** *May we consider the flowers of the field, they neither sew nor spin, yet not even the great Solomon was dressed as finely as these.*

**Leader:-** High King of the universe,  
Creator and sustainer of all,  
we commit ourselves to Your care.

**All:-** **We will lay aside the troubles of yesterday.  
We will lay aside our concerns for tomorrow.  
We will turn off our mobile phones and set aside the work-a-day world which so easily consumes, and we will listen for Your still small voice.**

**Leader:-** Heaven's bright Sun, Redeemer of all,  
You came to show us the Father's love,  
You came as teacher, healer and guide,  
order us now as we commit ourselves to Your care.

**Men:-** **You walked with warriors, and made them men of peace.  
You walked with the Sons of Thunder, and taught them about love.**

You walked with the impetuous,  
and made them firm as a rock.  
You walked with the timid, and granted them courage.

**Women:-** *You let women sit at Your feet and learn.  
You received their gentle support and encouragement.  
You listened when they spoke and turned their tears to joy.*

**Leader:-** Heaven's bright Sun, Redeemer of all,  
we commit ourselves to Your care.

**All:-** **We will lay aside our strengths and our weaknesses.  
We will lay aside our hopes and our fears.  
We will lay aside our preconceptions and misunderstandings, and we will listen for your still small voice.**

**Leader:-** Great Spirit, Wild Goose, Gentle Dove,  
You came in tongues of fire and brought order into chaos.  
You inspired humble fishermen and made them leaders, teachers, evangelists and healers.  
Order us now as we commit ourselves to Your care.

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**Men:-** **You are the fire that can burn in our hearts.  
You are the cooling stream that can bring heaven's peace.  
You are the energy that can bring true greatness.  
You are the One who can make us whole.**

**Women:-** *You are the One who inspires poets and artists.  
You are the One who brings healing and grace.  
You are the One who makes us a family.  
You are the One who can make us whole.*

**Leader:-** Great Spirit, Wild Goose, Gentle Dove,  
order us now as we commit ourselves to Your care.

**All:-** **We come as pilgrims to this Holy Island.  
We come to walk in ancient pathways.  
We come to remember faithful saints who changed a nation.  
We come seeking You, we come to listen for Your still small voice.**

Speak, Lord in the stillness,  
While I wait on Thee,  
Hushed my heart to listen,  
In expectancy.

Speak, O blessed Master,  
In this quiet hour,  
Let me see Thy face, Lord,  
Feel Thy touch of power.

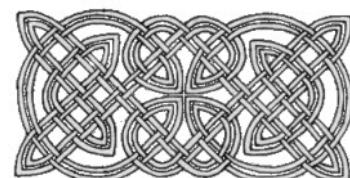
All to Thee is yielded,  
I am not my own,  
Blissful, glad surrender,  
I am Thine alone.

**Leader:-** May God the Holy Trinity be with us this day.  
The Father to watch over us in His love,  
The Son to guide us by His grace,  
The Spirit to inspire us with His gentle strength.

**All:-** **In the Name of the life-giving Trinity,  
Father, Son and Spirit. AMEN.**

Speak, Thy servant heareth,  
Be not silent Lord,  
Waits my soul upon Thee,  
For Thy quickening word

Fill me with the knowledge,  
Of Thy glorious will,  
All Thine own good pleasure,  
In Thy child fulfill.



*There may be singing.*

Service Two

Leader:- As it was,  
As it is,  
As it ever will be until Christ returns.

**All:- With the ebb and the flow,  
It will always be so,  
Under the watchful eye of the God  
who does not change.**

*There may be singing.*

Faithful One, so unchanging,  
Ageless One, You're my rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You, again and again,  
I call out to You, again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,  
You lift me up when I fall down.  
All through the storm, Your love is the anchor,  
My hope is in You alone.

Leader:- In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the  
Word was God.  
Before the ebb and flow of time and  
season,  
the Word was there.

**All: Over the formless, empty darkness,**

**the Creator Spirit brooded.  
Over the chaos and the fathomless  
depths, the Spirit of God moved.  
Over the black icy waters, the Holy  
Spirit waited.**

Leader:- And God said: "Let there be Light.  
Let brightness appear and darkness  
pushed back.  
Let order appear and confusion  
banished.  
Let my grace and creative beauty fill this  
place.

**All:- Into the world, the Spirit brought  
light.  
Into the world, the Spirit breathed  
life.  
Into the world, the Spirit poured  
warmth, and grace, and love.**

Leader:- And God walked in His creation, for  
everything He had made was good.  
He spoke with the man and the woman,  
He loved them and they loved Him in  
return.

**All:- For God delights to speak to His  
people,  
He enjoys drawing them close to His  
breast.**

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**His loving arms surround us,  
His strength supports and upholds  
us.**

Leader:- In that place of At-one-ment, the Father  
still speaks, in one way or by another.  
He may speak through a dream in the  
darkness of night, or a vision given in  
the full light of day.  
He speaks through a soft gentle  
whisper, or teach us and guide us  
through the words of a friend.

**All:- Lord of all, You are the Good  
Shepherd.  
We Your people will listen to Your  
voice.**

Leader:- With the ebb and the flow, in the  
stillness of life, God speaks to His  
people.  
When the rush of this world has been  
set aside, God's voice is heard at its  
clearest.

**All:- Father of all, we came to this holy  
place as pilgrims, to stand in the  
footsteps of Your faithful saints, to  
stand and enjoy the Island stillness.  
We came to bare our souls in humble  
repentance.  
We came to listen again to Your call.**

Leader:- Great Shepherd of the sheep, as we  
wait in the ebb and the flow of seasons  
and time, as we wait in the stillness of  
this sacred place, where saints have  
rested and pilgrims have been renewed,  
speak to us now.  
Bring into crystal clarity those precious  
words You want to speak to us.  
Bring to sharp focus what You want us  
to see.  
Speak, Lord in the stillness.

**All:- Speak, Lord in the stillness.  
Open our ears that we may hear.  
Open our hearts that we may receive  
Your words.  
Open our minds that we may  
understand.  
Open our wills that we may respond  
to Your call. AMEN**

*There will now follow a time of silence in which you are  
invited to record below anything you believe that God  
has spoken to you during our pilgrimage together.  
Writing it down now will prevent it slipping away as we  
return home. It will also help you to spend time in prayer  
over the coming days, either alone or with a trusted  
friend, so that you may continue faithfully along the  
Pilgrim Way.*

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,  
In the city of our God, the Holy place,  
The joy of the whole earth.  
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory.  
He aids us against the enemy,  
We bow down on our knees.

*And Lord we want to lift Your Name on high,  
And Lord we want to thank You,  
For the works you've done in our lives,  
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love;  
For You alone are God eternal,  
Throughout earth and heaven above.*

Leader:- Lift up Your hearts.

**All:- We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader:- Let us thank the Lord for all He has done.

**All:- God guides His pilgrim people in the plans He has made.**

Leader:- High King of the Universe,  
You created the earth by Your mighty Word, and You breathe life and wisdom into all that You have made.  
When we err and stray from Your pathways, You are willing to cleanse and forgive, and to bring new hope.  
On this pilgrimage we have made,

*There may be singing.*

we remember the forgiveness and cleansing that You have brought us through Your Son. We embrace the hope that He brings. He is our "Passover Lamb", slain for us so that we might be whole, the perfect sacrifice for sin. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, may these gifts of bread and wine be for us His body and His blood. For, on the night that He was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and gave You thanks. He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take this and eat it, for this is my body which is broken for you, do this as often as you eat it in remembrance of me." Then, as supper was ended, He took the cup of wine and said: "Drink this all of you, for 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."

**All:- We stand in awe as we see the Lord of Life, the Son of the Living God, stretched out on a Cross for us. The living Word who made us,**

**now dies in our place to give us new life. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Christ is the Saviour of the world.**

Leader:- Risen Christ we welcome You. You are the flowering bough of creation. From You cascades music like a million stars, truth to cleanse a myriad souls. From You flee demons, omens and all ill will. Around You rejoice the angels of light. As heaven and earth intertwine in this place, feed us with the Bread of Heaven, let us take Your divine life into ourselves, make us one with the Risen Christ.

***Communion may be distributed***

Leader:- Father of all, we give You thanks and praise, that when we were still far off You met us in Your Son and brought us home.

**All:- Dying and living, He declared Your love, lavished grace upon us, and opened the gate of glory.**

Leader:- May we who share Christ's body live His risen life, we who drink His cup bring life to others, we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**All:-** Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So we and all Your children may be free,  
And the whole earth live to praise Your Name.

*There may follow, a time of silence.*

Leader:- As our pilgrimage draws to its close, and we prepare to return to our place in the world, we will clad ourselves in Your armour, ready to fight the good fight in Your holy Name.  
We bind unto ourselves this day, the belt of truth.

**All:-** We bind unto ourselves this day, the Truth of Your word.  
May it be to us the standard by which all things are tested:  
Our guide and our inspiration,  
the yardstick against which all things are measured,  
our rule of life and the map we follow.

Leader:- We bind unto ourselves this day,

the breastplate of righteousness.

**All:-** We bind unto ourselves this day, the righteousness of Christ our King.  
May our minds be always pure, and may our hearts be always true.  
May we seek after true holiness, and may anything which tarnishes our souls be kept away.

Leader:- We bind unto ourselves this day, the shoes of readiness to share Your Good News.

**All:-** We bind unto ourselves this day, the willingness to answer Your call and to go wherever You may send us.  
We will proclaim Your Gospel in the world, in word and by deed, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit.  
We will stand firm.

Leader:- We take unto ourselves this day, the shield of faith.

**All:-** We take unto ourselves this day, the shield of faith.  
We will trust in You, the God of rich promises.  
We will walk in Your way and will not be deterred.

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**Doubt will be banished, and we will encourage one another as we march side by side.**

Leader:- We bind unto ourselves this day, the helmet of salvation.

**All:-** We bind unto ourselves this day, the helmet of salvation.  
Christ our Saviour has been sent by You,  
He had died in our place, and risen to new life.  
We know this full-well, our minds are set.

In heavenly armour we'll enter the land,  
The battle belongs to the Lord,  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

*And we sing glory, honour,  
Power and strength to the Lord.  
And we sing glory, honour,  
Power and strength to the Lord.*

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord,  
He'll raise up a standard, the power of His blood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Leader:- We take to arm ourselves, the sword of Your Spirit.

**All:-** We take to arm ourselves, the sword of Your Spirit.  
We will study the Scriptures, we will read, mark, and learn them.  
We will meditate on them by day and by night.  
We will teach them to one another, for the sword of Your Spirit must be kept sharp.

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,  
The battle belongs to the Lord,  
Take courage my friend, your redemption is near,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Leader:- High King of the Universe, we thank You for granting us this pilgrimage today: for allowing us to leave one footprint in this holy place.  
May the time we have shared together be to us a deep well from which we can be refreshed, so that we may bring fresh richness, to Your Church and to Your world.

*There may be singing.*

**Amen.**