

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD

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The Second Sunday before Lent

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words in bold print are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for donations. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

HYMN 408

The president today is the Revd Jane Walker. Please remain standing for the greeting and act of penitence.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts. In sorrow for our sin, we turn to him for mercy and for grace.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.**

In your mercy

**forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

May God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT The prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect. At the end: Amen.

Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING Genesis 1.1- 2.3

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136 - to the metrical setting by John Milton: HYMN 397 Please remain seated.

SECOND READING Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia....

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia....

Cleanse our hearts and minds, Lord God, that we may hear your holy Gospel in true faith and love.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia....

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6.25-end

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit down for the sermon. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please stand with the president who introduces and addresses the baptism candidate:

Do you wish to be baptised? **I DO**



The president addresses the whole congregation:
Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Sina and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Dear friends in Christ, the Church receives Sina with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president addresses Sina:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I DO.**

Do you reject evil? **I DO.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I DO.**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I DO.**

The president makes the sign of the cross on Sina's forehead, in oil, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.



You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Water is poured into the font and blessed:

Praise God who made heaven and earth, **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, filled with your Spirit and know they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

We believe in God the Father, **from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son, **who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, **who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The president pours water on Sina, saying:

.....I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

Sina is given a candle, lit from the Paschal flame:
Receive this light. This is to show that you
have passed from darkness to light.

**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of
God the Father.**

*The president invites us all to welcome Sina and
then introduces THE PEACE:*

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body. Let us
then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We all exchange a sign of peace and then join in:

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
for me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:
who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.**

**'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

*The president says a prayer over the gifts to which
we all respond:*

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*THE PRESIDENT continues the prayer, thanking
God for his saving works, and then invites the
people to join their praises with the whole
company of heaven:*

.....for ever praising you and singing:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*THE PRESIDENT asks the Father to send the Holy
Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then
repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and
cup.....Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**



*THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES, joining our offering
with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the
prayer the president says:*

.....all honour and glory be yours, almighty
Father, for ever and ever: **Amen.**

*The President introduces the Lord's Prayer and all
say together:*

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**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,

give us your peace.

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are those

who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Receiving the chalice is optional. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion the choir sings either a setting of The heavens sing praises or Laudato si. Or possibly both....

When all have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle and there will be a time of stillness and quiet. Then please stand with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

God our creator, by your gift, the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life

at the heart of your Church:

may we, who have been nourished

at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory

of the Saviour's cross,

and enjoy the delights of eternity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN 265

PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.

The God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and

the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

MONDAY 13th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 16th

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 18th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 19th

The Sunday next before Lent

1000 Sung Eucharist

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“Laudato si, O mi Signore”

Yes, be praised in all your creatures,

Sun our mother, moon our sister,

In the stars and in the breezes,

Air and fire and flowing water.

Thank you for the earth, our mother,

she who feeds us and sustains us;

for her fruits, her grass, her flowers,

for the mountains and the oceans.

Life is but a song of worship,

and the reason for our singing

is to praise you for the music,

join the dance of all creation....

