


# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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.**


*Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024*  
*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 by all. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand.*


## HYMN 264

*The president today is the Revd Janina Ainsworth. 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.**

## 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 Proverbs 8.1,22-31

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 104

**Send your Spirit, O Lord, on the face of the earth, and rekindle the fire of our love.**

We will bless you, O God, with the song of our hearts. How amazing and countless the works of your hand. R/  
When you silence our breath we will perish and die, but the fire of your Spirit renews all the earth. R/  
May your glory endure till the end of all time.  
May the sound of our music delight you, O God. R/

## SECOND READING Colossians 1.15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

**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. R/

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. R/

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. R/

## GOSPEL READING John 1.1-14

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

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

**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 for the profession of Faith.*

Let us declare our faith together:

**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**

*Please remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful.*

*After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**



*After the final section (for the departed) there will be a time of silent prayer.*

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

*The president 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.**

*All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:*

**Deck thyself, my soul with gladness –  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;  
Come into the daylight's splendour –  
there with joy thy praises render:  
Unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
High o'er heaven and earth he reigneth –  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

Now I sink before thee lowly,  
filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder  
on thy mighty works I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded,  
depths that none hath ever sounded,  
None may dare to pierce unbidden  
secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten –  
light who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy the sweetest life e'er knoweth –  
fount whence all my being floweth;  
At thy feet I cry, my maker –  
let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
for our good thy glory given.

Jesu, bread of life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
Never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited:  
From this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

*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 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.**

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو  
بباید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، بر زمین نیز کرده  
شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و قرض های ما  
را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، و  
ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است،  
آمین.

*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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world: grant us 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 are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing.*

*During communion we hear With verdure clad*

*(Haydn) and Sweet Chance (Head)*

*When all have received Holy Communion, what remains of the elements will be placed in the tabernacle. After a time of stillness all 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 fed at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross, and share the joys of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please join in:*

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus of God and Mary the Son. Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, O thou my soul's delight and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Clothed in the gladness and joy of the spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing!**

**Fair are the flowers fairer still each human child; in all the freshness of youth arrayed; Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting Lord Jesus, thine will never fade.**

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

May Christ, who has nourished you with himself, the true and living bread, make you one in praise and love and raise you up on the last day, 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.**

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MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

**1230 Eucharist**

THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

NEXT SUNDAY

The Sunday next before Lent

**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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With verdure clad the fields appear  
Delightful to the ravished sense;  
by flowers sweet and gay  
enhanced is the charming sight.  
Here vent their fumes the fragrant herbs;  
Here shoots the healing plant.  
By loads of fruits th' expanded boughs are  
pressed; to shady vaults are bent the tufty groves;  
the mountain's brow  
is crowned with closed wood.

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Sweet Chance, that led my steps abroad,  
Beyond the town, where wild flow'rs grow -  
A rainbow and a cuckoo, Lord,  
How rich and great the times are now!  
Know all ye sheep and cows, that keep  
On staring that I stand so long  
In grass that's wet from heavy rain --  
A rainbow, and a cuckoo's song  
May never come together again,  
May never come from this side the tomb.  
A rainbow, and a cuckoo's song  
May never come together again...