

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, November 27th 2022
The First Sunday of Advent

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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. It is our tradition to be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

ENTRANCE HYMN 6

The president is the Revd Richard Young. 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.

The prayer to mark the lighting of the first Advent Candle is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
So, in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:
Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal us from our sins,
give us light in our hearts
and renew us in faith and love. Amen.

The Kyries are led by the choir.

Lord have mercy - **Lord have mercy**
Christ have mercy- **Christ have mercy**
Lord have mercy -**Lord have mercy.**

Then the president says the absolution:

May almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

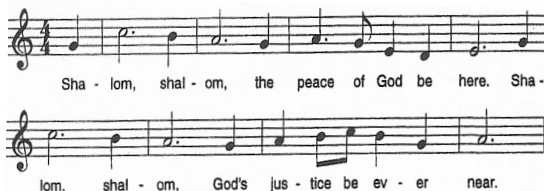
Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2: 1-5

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

Please remain seated and join in the refrain.



**Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here,
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say, 'let us go to the house of God', And now our feet are standing, in your gates, O Jerusalem

Like a temple of unity, is the city Jerusalem
And there all tribes will gather
- all the tribes of the house of God.

It is faithful to Israel's law there to praise the name of God, all the judgement seats of David were set down in Jerusalem.

For the peace of all nations pray; for God's peace within your homes; may God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.

For the love of my friends and kin,
I will bless you with signs of peace;
For the love of God's own people
I will labour and pray for you.

SECOND READING Romans 13: 11-end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
At the end: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

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Prepare a way for the Lord, make God's pathway straight, and all the earth shall see the saving love of God.

Alleluia....

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24: 36-44

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify 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. The preacher today is the Revd Canon Alma Servant. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please STAND with the president for the creed:

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ:

**We believe and declare
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God is both divine and human.**

God, of one being with the Father,
the only son from before time began;
**human from the being of his mother,
born in the world.**

**Fully God and fully human;
one human person with mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God.

**Truly one, not by mixing humanity with
Godhead, but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being,
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

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:

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon
us, to give light to those who dwell in
darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace:
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 7

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.**

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 sin 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. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. Receiving the chalice is optional. During communion the choir sings a version of Wachet Auf, Hymn 16.

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.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
**that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please join in:

**Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent a glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must work of darkness put away.**

**Awake and sing, with praises strong,
in psalm and hymn and Spirit-song.
Let love our words and works renew
with all that's good, and right, and true.**

**Let in the light; all life expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross in hope we kneel,
that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.**

**We rise, as children of the light.
Avoiding pride, nor hid from sight.
With care we live, becoming wise
In sifting truth from guile or lies.**

**Christ give us grace and faith to say
to all who walk the narrow way:
"Awake, and rise, fling off the night
that Christ may shine in glorious light !"**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory;
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 28th

1930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 30th

1930 Advent Course

THURSDAY 1st

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 3rd

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY December 4th Advent 2

1000 Sung Eucharist

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People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:
love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:
love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:
love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:
love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Our Advent Charity this year is **Safe Passage UK**,
who work to help child refugees reunite with
family across Europe.

<https://www.safepassage.org.uk/donate>