### HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> **The Second Sunday of Advent** 

آمـدی خوش 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. By tradition we are still and quiet together before the service as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN 12**

The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth who introduces the service. 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 two Advent Candles is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

#### Blessed be God for ever.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen - and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

A time of silent prayer follows, then: Most merciful and loving God, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts; you declare forgiveness for all who turn to you in faith: teach us to forgive one another; you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness, that we may be ready for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyries are sung by the choir. Then: May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.** 

#### 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.

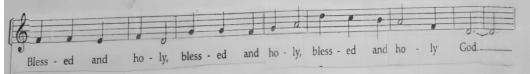
#### FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight --indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

#### CANTICLE The Benedictus

Please remain seated and join in the refrain.



You are blessed O Lord God of Israel, you have come to your people and set us free; set up a mighty saviour for us as the prophets foretold from David's line;

From the hands of our foes who surround us, from their hatred the Saviour delivers us; thus is fulfilled your love for our people, your covenant, constant, faithful care:

You did swear to our patriarch Abraham you would rescue your people and calm our fear; then we would serve you, live in your presence in justice and holiness all our days:

Little child of the Lord as God's prophet, you will go on ahead and prepare the way; bringing God's people news of salvation, proclaiming forgiveness of their sins:

God of tenderness, God of all mercy, as the sun at its rising you visit us; lighting the dark where death casts its shadow and guiding us on the way of peace:

To the Father almighty give glory, to the Son who redeems give thanks and praise, and to the Spirit, dwelling within us give glory and honour all our days:

#### SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11

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. **Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.** 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 Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **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. The preacher today is the Revd Richard Young. 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:

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

The president introduces THE PEACE: God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts; the peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.** 

All exchange a sign of peace.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN 19 omit vv 3&4**

"The Saviour, now to all displayed"

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. During communion, the choir sings Wachet Auf (Bach/Nicolai see NEH 16 for English words). When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle. At the end of the silence all please STAND with the President. Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.* Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming: that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### HYMN 5

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

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Music: Wachet Auf (JS Bach)

MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

Nicholas

#### 1930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>

#### 1930 Advent Group

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

1200 Eucharist

#### SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

#### 1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

Advent 3

#### 1000 Sung Eucharist

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Comfort, comfort now my people; speak of peace - so says your God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, burdened by a heavy load. To Jerusalem proclaim: God shall take away your shame.

Now get ready to recover; guilt and suffering are over

Hear the herald's proclamation in the desert far and near, calling all to true repentance, telling that the Lord is near. O, that warning cry obey! For your God prepare a way. Let the valleys rise to greet him and the hills bow down to meet him.

Straighten out what has been crooked; make the roughest places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, live as fits God's holy reign. Soon the glory of the Lord shall on earth be shed abroad. Human flesh shall surely see it; God is ready to decree it. *Olearius/Winkworth/Bell* 

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