

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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The Third 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 by all. Hymns are heard not sung. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. It is our tradition be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand. The president today is the Revd Richard Young. Please remain standing for the opening part of the service. The procession heads for the font! Please turn to face in that direction.

+ 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 third Advent Candle is led by the choir.

.....*Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the Ages.*

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:

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.

Then the baptismal candidates who are seated near the font are introduced to the congregation. The president asks the adult candidates:

*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 them and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Dear friends in Christ, the Church receives these people with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them 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 the candidates:

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 you:

*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.***

A parent or sponsor makes the sign of the cross on each person's forehead, as the president says:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The Kyries are sung by the choir as the procession moves to the sanctuary and then the president says the absolution.

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.

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 61.1-4, 8-end

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

The Magnificat is sung by the choir.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL READING John 1.6-8, 19-28

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. The preacher today is the Revd Jane Walker. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then please stand with the president and turn to face the font. The president pours water into the font, and blesses it and the containers of water around it:

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan, by your prophet John the Baptist, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers

to baptize all who turn to him.

Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

The president, the candidates and their sponsors lead the profession of faith:

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 each candidate, 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.

Each candidate is given a candle, lit from the Advent flame, and the president leads the welcome to baby Joseph, and then to the older candidates. This ends with:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

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.

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.*

*Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.*

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, whether or not yet confirmed, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion under the form of bread only. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion, the choir sings *Before the world began* (Bell). When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle for the communion of those at home and we hear:

***Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air;
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of His people's prayer?***

***Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and call each listening ear;
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His promise - for his time is near.***

***This hath He done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall He do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.***

**Through life and death, through sorrow
and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

After a time of silence all please STAND with the President.
Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.
*We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts;*
**kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.**

Please sit for the announcements and 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 14th

0930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 16th

1930 Advent Course via Zoom

THURSDAY 17th

O Sapientia

1930 Eucharist

SUNDAY 20th Advent 4

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1000 Sung Eucharist

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*Before the world began, one Word was there;
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed;
through him God spoke, and said, 'I am for you'.
Life found in him its source, death found its end;
light found in him its course, darkness its friend.
for neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout, 'I am for you'.
The Word was in the world which from him came;
unrecognised he was, unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind, 'I am for you'.
All who received the Word by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of Grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face, 'I am for you'.*