

HOLY INNOCENTS  
FALLOWFIELD



**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for donations. 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 to join in:*

**The world's fair rose has blossomed  
of Jesse's royal stem;  
Foretold by ancient prophets,  
who did the news proclaim;  
This blossom greets the light  
within our cold midwinter,  
Upon our dark midnight.**

**This rose, I mean, whose coming  
Isaiah first did sing,  
Is Mary pure and blessed,  
whose blossom is our king;  
By God's eternal will,  
this maid who bore her baby  
Is maid and mother still.**

**We pray you, Mary, mother,  
the world's fair Rose of grace,  
That by your Christ child's passion,  
we too may see his face;  
So may he help us all  
to offer as his treasure  
Our hearts, his dwelling-place.**

*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.**

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

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,  
just and true, to you be praise and glory for  
ever! 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.**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light  
the things now hidden in darkness and will  
disclose the purposes of the heart. 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.*

*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 35: 1-10

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE** The Magnificat

My soul proclaims you, mighty God,  
my spirit sings your praise;  
you look on me, you lift me up,  
and gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,  
your gifts you have outpoured,  
your little one you have made great—  
I magnify my God.

For those who love your holy name,  
your mercy will not die;  
your strong right arm puts down the proud  
and lifts the holy high.

You fill the hungry with good things,  
the rich you send away;  
the promise made to Abraham  
is filled to endless day.

Magnificat, magnificat,  
magnificat praise God!  
Praise God, praise God, praise God,  
praise God, magnificat, praise God

**SECOND READING** James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the  
coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for  
the precious crop from the earth, being  
patient with it until it receives the early and  
the late rains.

You also must be patient. Strengthen your  
hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.  
Beloved, do not grumble against one  
another, so that you may not be judged.  
See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As  
an example of suffering and patience,  
beloved, take the prophets who spoke in  
the name of the Lord.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to join in the Advent 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** Matthew 11.2-11

*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. The preacher 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 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:*

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:*

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, then join in:*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 55

*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 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 Comfort,  
comfort now my people..*

*When all have received Holy Communion what  
remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in  
the tabernacle.*

*A time of stillness and quiet follows.*

Then 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 join in:*

**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.**

**Yet, through life, 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.**

*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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MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>

**0915 St James' School Eucharist**

**1930 Advent Course: Peace**

THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

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NEXT SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Advent 4

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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*