

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Adonai

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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.

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 to join in:

HYMN 19

The president today 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 for the lighting of the four Advent candles is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
merciful and gentle:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;

grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her

for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

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 exalted the humble and meek:*

give us contrite hearts;

*be planted in our lives that we might be filled
with your heavenly gifts:*

and grow in love for each other

and for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Kyries are sung 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 7.10-16

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80.1-8

**God of hosts, you chose a vine -
meant to bear the finest wine,
set it in a promised land,
nurtured by your careful hand:**

**Like a cedar, it grew strong-
deep its roots, its tendrils long;
yet, in envy those around
stripped its branches to the ground.**

**Desolate, to God we cry:
'Spare us from the enemy!'
God of hosts, turn back again,
all such wickedness restrain:**

**Turn us too, for we have failed,
faithfulness has not prevailed;
visit, Lord, and heal your vine,
on its fruit let glory shine!**



SECOND READING Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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 1.18-end

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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 Canon Alma Servant. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please STAND with the president for the Creed:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory

**to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one

holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:

OFFERTORY HYMN 11

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. Receiving the chalice is optional. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing.

During communion, we hear

I waited for the Lord (*Mendelssohn*).

When all have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle. After a time of stillness and quiet all please **STAND** with the President.

Let us pray.

Silent prayer.

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
**fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things
we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please join in:

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**O, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.**

**O, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendour comes
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Be with us, King of kings.**

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,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

MONDAY December 19th O Radix Jesse

1930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 21st O Oriens Shab-e-Yalda

1530 Community Eco Christingle

FRIDAY 24th Christmas Eve

2330 The First Eucharist of Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY 25th Christmas Day

1000 Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Nativity

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O tidings,

one who gives others eternal life has arrived.

He bears the marks of Godliness.

The time of sorrowing and waiting is over,

For we foretell the coming of salvation.

Hafiz 1315-90