

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD



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The Baptism of the Lord

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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. Please be as still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

Today, as we welcome people into the church by baptism, we recall that God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience. In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. So, we meet, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

ENTRANCE HYMN 49

The president today is the Revd Richard Young.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

And also with you.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ
in the waters of baptism.

The president introduces and addresses the baptism 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 these people,
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 Soghra and Mohammad:

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:

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.**

*The president makes the sign of the cross on each person's forehead,
in oil, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**



May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*After a moment of silent reflection, the president leads the prayers of
penitence:*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, grant us grace to live in holiness and faith
and bring us to everlasting life with you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glorify to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. 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 43:1-7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my
soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring
forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not
break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will
faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be
crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and
stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what
comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and
spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called
you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept
you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to
the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the
prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in
darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to
no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I
now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *please join in*

All on earth and all in heaven
raise to God a song on high;
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded –
God alone we glorify,
Holiness and beauty blending,
hear God's voice across the earth
Speaking to the mighty waters:
sound and light: new life, new birth.
Trees shall bow in awe and wonder –
Bend their branches to the ground;
From God's lips one word in anger
wreaks destruction all around.
But the Word which set in motion
such travails can make them cease;
that same voice which tumult beckons -
in a gentler breath speaks peace.

SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43

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

Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia..**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3.13-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
Michael Ainsworth. After the sermon there will be a short time of
silence. Then please stand and turn to face the font. The president
blesses the water of baptism:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font and blessed:

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

He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

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

The president and the candidates 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.**

When the candidates have been baptised:

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.**

The candidates are given a candle, lit from the Paschal flame:

Receive this light.

This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.

*The president and other ministers introduce the liturgy of the Renewal of
the Covenant as the light is shared and candles are lit:*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place
within this covenant which God has made with us
and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples.

This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit,
we accept God's purpose for us,

and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done:

some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour,
others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural
inclinations and material interests,

others are contrary to both;

in some we may please Christ and please ourselves;

in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

Yet the power to do all these things

is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own.

Let us give ourselves to God,

trusting in God's promises and relying on God's grace.

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love

you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ.

In obedience we hear and accept your commands;

in love we seek to do your perfect will;

with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.

We are no longer our own but yours.

After a moment of silence and reflection, we say together:

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things,

wherever you may place me, in all that I do

and in all that I may endure;

when there is work for me and when there is none;

when I am troubled and when I am at peace.

Your will be done when I am valued

and when I am disregarded;

when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;

when I have all things, and when I have nothing.

I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you,

as and where you choose.

*The president returns to the sanctuary. All are invited to approach the
font if they wish and dip their fingers into the water then trace the sign of
the cross on their foreheads. Then we return in silence to our places.*

Short prayers of intercession follow:

As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone,
but as God's servants and witnesses,
let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:

make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern



and who hold power and authority in the nations of the world:
establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble:.....give them healing, comfort and hope:

deliver them from their distress.

We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory:..... for the repose of their
souls and the comfort of their families and friends.

bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

A time of silent prayer follows. At the end:

Lord Jesus, in you, the Father makes us and all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature

by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory. **Amen.**

The president introduces the Peace:

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us

and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts:

the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 50

The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The president says a prayer over the gifts:

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are ours and we are yours.

May it be so for ever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.

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:*

.....and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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:*

....in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours 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:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

*Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized and
communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive
Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing.
During communion please join in "You shall cross the barren desert."
When all have received Holy Communion there is a time of stillness
and quiet. Then all please stand with the President.*

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer:

Lord of all time and eternity,

you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father

in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:

by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work

of our rebirth in the waters of the new creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 58

*Please sit for the announcements then stand for the blessing and
dismissal.*

'May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to
eternal life, perfect in you the image of his 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.

A warm welcome to Holy Innocents.

Refreshments will be served after the service,

and everyone is invited to stay.

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst;
you shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way;

you shall speak your words in foreign lands,

and all will understand;

you shall see the face of God and live:

*Be not afraid, I go before you always
come follow me, and I will give you rest.*

If you pass through raging waters,

in the sea you shall not drown;

if you walk amidst the burning flames

you shall not be harmed;

if you stand before the power of hell – and death is at your side –

know that I am with you through it all:

Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs;
blessed are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh;
and if wicked folk insult and hate you all because of me:
blessed, blessed are you.

How you can give to Holy Innocents

*We are all struggling with the increase
in the cost of living as is our church.
We have noted a steady decline in our income
from voluntary giving,
both from church members and from visitors
since we stopped handing round the collection plate
for hygiene reasons during the pandemic.
It may be that fewer people carry cash nowadays
and so, we have made some changes
in the way you can give.*

1. Standing orders – if you have not reviewed your giving for a number of years, please consider doing so. It may be that you are struggling and want to give less, if so that's all right. If you would like to set up a standing order, our bank details are:

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2. One off gifts – You can scan our QR code with a smartphone – this takes you to the secure SumUp giving portal where you can enter your card details and the amount. Look for the Gift Aid envelopes with a QR code on the back if you are a tax payer. Please put the completed empty envelope in the box with a note of how much you have given, as SumUp does not give us any personal information.

3. You can give directly with our SumUp card reader – all the major debit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay are supported. Please ask the rector, who will have the card reader at the end of the service.

4. Cash is still always welcomed – please use the box by the entrance.



MONDAY 9th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 12th

1930 Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 15th

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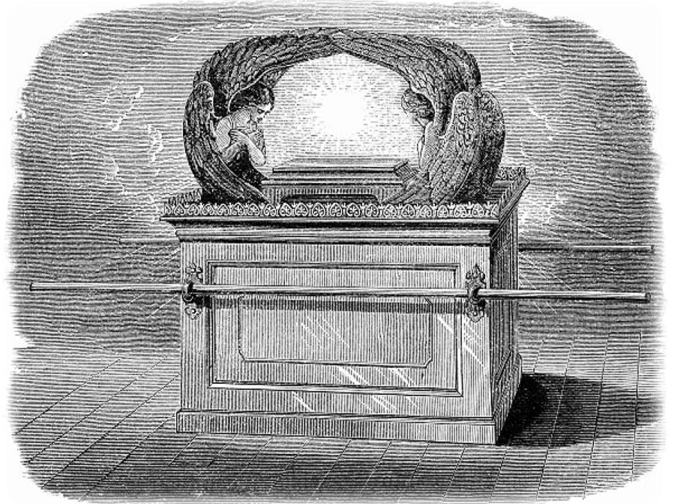
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Can be seen on the door as you come in – marked there on Friday 6th January by Sarah Zweck Lench on the anniversary of her baptism. May God bless this house of worship in 2023.



The Proclamation of Easter

“Know, dear friends that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the **22nd day of February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **9th day of April** we will celebrate Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **18th day of May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **28th Day of May**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **3rd of December** the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.”