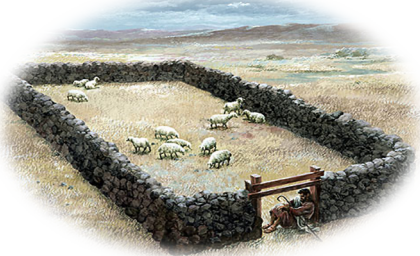


# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



*Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2021*  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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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. 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. 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.*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*The risen Christ calls us to himself. Let us prepare to celebrate the mystery of his resurrection by calling to mind our sins.*

After a time of silent prayer:

*Almighty and most merciful Father,*

**we have wandered  
and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises  
declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father,  
for his sake, that we may live a disciplined,  
righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*May the Father of all mercies cleanse us  
from our sins, and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Glory 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** Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

**GOSPEL READING** John 10.11-18

*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. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then we STAND with the president for the PROFESSION OF FAITH:

*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.**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** *is sung by the choir*

**His goodness shall follow me always,  
to the end of my days.**

*The Lord is my shepherd;*

*there is nothing I shall want.*

*Fresh and green are the pastures*

*where he gives me repose.*

*Near restful waters he leads me,*

*to revive my drooping spirit.*

*He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.*

*You are there with your crook and your staff - with these you give me comfort.*

*You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.*

*Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

**SECOND READING** 1 John 3.16.24

At the end:

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Alleluia.

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:

*Merciful Father,*  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The president introduces THE PEACE:  
*The risen Christ came and stood among his disciple and said, 'Peace be with you.'*  
*Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.*

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*  
**And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace as we hear:

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore;  
may my faith grow clearer,  
may I love thee more:**

**Hallow ev'ry pleasure, ev'ry grief and pain;  
be thyself my treasure,  
though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me as thou seest best,  
then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.**

The offerings of the people are collected and the bread and wine are brought to the altar.

The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we 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 in 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:

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

**Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

Those who wish to receive the Sacrament or a blessing approach the altar. During communion we hear *Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep.*

When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle as we hear:

***Now is eternal life,***

***If risen with Christ we stand,***

***In him to life reborn,***

***And holden in his hand;***

***No more we fear death's ancient dread,***

***In Christ arisen from the dead.***

***For God, the living God,***

***Stooped down to our estate;***

***By death destroying death,***

***Christ opened wide life's gate.***

***He lives, who died; he reigns on high;***

***Who lives in him shall never die.***

***Unfathomed love divine,***

***Reign thou within my heart;***

***From thee nor depth nor height,***

***Nor life nor death can part;***

***My life is hid in God with thee,***

***Now and through all eternity.***

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

*Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer.

*Merciful Father,*

*you gave your Son Jesus Christ*

*to be the good shepherd,*

*and in his love for us*

*to lay down his life and rise again:*

**keep us always under his protection,**

**and give us grace to follow in his steps;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.

*God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ*

*has given us the victory,*

*give you joy and peace in your faith;*

*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, alleluia, alleluia:*

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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MONDAY April 26<sup>th</sup>

**1200 Eucharist**

THURSDAY April 29<sup>th</sup>

**1200 Eucharist** (note change of time)

Orthodox Easter celebrations in church over these days.

SUNDAY May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand,  
none can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give  
thine own life that we might live,  
and the hands outstretched to bless  
bear the cruel nails' impress.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,  
walking in thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.