

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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**The Fourth 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 for the collection. 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 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 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. Therefore 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 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** 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

At the end:

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 89.1-4, 19-26**

**I will sing for ever of your love O Lord**  
*I will sing for ever of your love O Lord,  
throughout all ages my mouth will proclaim  
your truth; of this I am sure that your love lasts  
for ever, that your truth is as firmly established  
as the heavens.*

*I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish  
your dynasty for ever and set up your throne  
through all ages.*

*He will say to me you are my father, my God;  
the rock who saves me; I will keep my love for  
him always, for him my covenant shall endure.*

**SECOND READING** Romans 16.25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith -- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 1.26-38

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.*

**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 Richard Young. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then please stand with the president for the Profession of Faith:

*We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ:*

**We believe and declare that  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God  
is both divine and human.**

*God, of one being with the Father,  
the only son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother,  
born in the world.*

**Fully God and fully human;  
one human person with mind and body.**

*As God he is equal to the Father,  
as human he is less than the Father.*

*Although he is both divine and human  
he is not two beings but one Christ.*

**One, not by turning God into flesh,  
but by taking humanity into God.**

*Truly one, not by mixing humanity with  
Godhead, but by being one person.*

**For as mind and body form one human being,  
so the one Christ is both divine and human.**

*The Word became flesh and lived among us;*

**we have seen his glory,**

**the glory of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

The PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL follows:

After each section:

*Lord, in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer.**

After the final section, for the departed, there will be a time of silence. Then:

*Merciful Father,*

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your  
Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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 and we hear:

**Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,**

**And manifest Thy virgin birth:**

**Let every age adoring fall;**

**Such birth befits the God of all.**

**Begotten of no human will,**

**But of the Spirit, Thou art still**

**The Word of God in flesh arrayed,**

**The promised Fruit to us displayed.**

*The virgin womb that burden gained  
With virgin honour all unstained;  
The banners there of virtue glow;  
God in His temple dwells below.*

*Forth from His chamber goeth He,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now His course to run.*

*From God the Father He proceeds,  
To God the Father back He speeds;  
His course He runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.*

*O equal to the Father, Thou!  
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.*

*O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee eternal praise  
and glory be, whom with the Father we  
adore and Holy Spirit, evermore.*

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 in one kind only. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion we hear *Hymn to the Virgin*.

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

*Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer.  
*Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us 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 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**

Please join in the refrain to the recessional hymn and its last verse:

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:***

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***O come, thou Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating us from dust and clay –  
To us reveal salvation's way:***

***O come, O come Adonai,  
who in thy glorious majesty,  
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
gavest thy folk the ancient law.***

***O come, thou Root of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:***

***O come, thou Lord of David's key,  
the royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode.***

***O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:***

**O come, Desire of nations, show  
thy kingly reign on earth below;  
thou cornerstone uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.**

<b>MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>O Rex Gentium</i> Shab-e- Yalda – The Longest Night <b>1200 Eucharist</b>
<b>THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>2330 <i>The First Eucharist of Christmas</i></b>
<b>FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>1000: <i>Sung Eucharist</i></b> <b><i>for the Nativity of the Lord</i></b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Family Sunday</b> <b><i>Sung Eucharist of The Holy Innocents</i></b> <i>Preacher: The Archdeacon of Manchester</i>

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