

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

## All Souls' Day Eve- November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Today we remember all who have died:  
those who we loved and see no more.

Together we commit them again to God's everlasting love  
and hope that we, with them,  
may one day share in the eternal life promised to us in Christ.  
Cards are available for us to place on the windowsills of the  
church - where they will remain until Remembrance Sunday  
- to remember family, friends,  
or those whose loss has touched us in some particular way.  
The day is one where in past tradition 'the faithful departed' are  
remembered. We are not here to judge anyone's faith  
- to God, everyone is important, loved and unique.  
So our prayers today are for all who have died.  
Here, in prayer, word and music we remember them.

*Please be still and silent as we wait together for the service to begin.  
In the moments before the service begins we hear "Faire is the  
Heaven". Please stand as the procession begins.*

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.**

God our Father full of grace and truth,  
**you create us from nothing and give us life.**  
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
**You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.**

*A time of silence follows.*

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our  
sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new  
life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

*The president says the Collect for All Souls' Day. At the end: Amen*

*PLEASE SIT for the Ministry of the Word.*

### FIRST READING Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what  
happiness is; so I say, 'Gone is my glory, and all that I had  
hoped for from the Lord.' The thought of my affliction and  
my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually  
thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies  
never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is  
your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.' The Lord is good to those who  
wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one  
should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the  
Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he  
will have compassion according to the abundance of his  
steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the  
souls of his human children.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23 is heard to a familiar setting

### SECOND READING Romans 5: 5-11

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Alleluia*

Alleluia....

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord

Those who come to me shall not die but have everlasting life.

Alleluia

### GOSPEL READING John 5.19-25

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 for the sermon. After the sermon there will be a time of  
silence. Then please stand, with the president and other ministers and  
move over to the font, carrying the little candles as we hear:*

*Author of the world's joy, bearer of the world's pain,  
From distress heal our souls, let your ineffable peace remain.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Jesus, bread from heaven, you feed us at your table here on earth:  
grant us a share with all the faithful departed  
in the banquet of your kingdom: Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, light of the world, you brought healing and sight to the  
suffering, guide us in the way of faith,  
and bring us to your eternal light and glory. Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, you summoned your friend  
Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal  
life with you. Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Crucified Saviour, from the cross you entrusted each to  
the other, Mary your mother and John, your beloved disciple;  
sustain and comfort all who mourn. Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our Way and Truth and Life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
reveal the resurrection to the doubting and the lost.  
Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

*The president stands at the font and says:*

This is the will of him that sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me  
**and I will raise them up at the last day.**

*The candles are lit from the Paschal candle.*

We have received the light of Christ  
**Let us walk in this light all the days of our life.**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we have a share in the promise of eternal life  
**As it was and shall be, throughout all generations,  
now and forever.**

*We place our candles on the waters of baptism and stay standing near  
the font in prayer. When all the candles are in place, the president  
says:*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*After a few moments of silent prayer the president introduces the  
Peace:*

Jesus says: peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid:  
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace, and then join in:

## OFFERTORY HYMN 396

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: . . . . .with all your faithful people, evermore 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:

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:

if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**grant us your peace.**

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord; 'whoever comes to me

will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

**May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

Those who wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing approach the altar. Please carry this leaflet with you if you wish to receive a blessing. Communicant members of other churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. When all have received Holy Communion please remain seated to hear:

(Please join in if you wish:)



**Now rest beneath night's shadow**

**The woodland, field, and meadow; the world in slumber lies.**

**But you, my heart, awaking - and prayer and music making,**

**Let praise to your Creator rise.**

**The radiant sun has vanished,**

**All golden rays are banished from dark'ning skies of night;**

**But Christ, the Sun of gladness, dispelling all our sadness,**

**Shines down on us in warmest light.**

**Lord Jesus, since you love me,**

**Now spread your wings above me and shield me from alarm.**

**Though evil would devour me, let angel guards sing o'er me:**

**'This child of God shall meet no harm.'**

**Our loved ones - rest securely,**

**Christ's promise keeps you surely - no perils cloud your way.**

**Sweet slumbers may he send you and bid his hosts attend you**

**As darkness turns to endless day.**

At the end of the hymn there will be a time of silent prayer. At the end of the silence all please stand with the President.

Let us pray

After a moment of silent prayer

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ

which we have celebrated in this Eucharist

bring us, with all the departed,

into the peace of your eternal home.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**our rock and our salvation,**

**to whom be glory for time and for eternity. Amen.**

Please remain standing for the blessing and dismissal.

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,

in this world and the next; 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.**



And into that gate they shall enter,  
and in that house they shall dwell,  
where there shall be no cloud nor sun,  
no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light,  
no noise nor silence, but one equal music,  
no foes nor friends, but one equal communion and identity,  
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity.

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