

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD

Sunday, 26th December 2021
The First Sunday of Christmas
St Stephen

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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.*

Please be as still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to hear or join in:

**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 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 Eucharist begins with a short act of penitence and reconciliation:

God's love for us is revealed in the Son, born to share our human nature and to redeem us all. This is eternal love, flowing clear like a stream to the sea:

**Cleansing every heart
that would be free from sin.**

This is the love that binds the whole world, breaking down barriers:

It lays low the hills and shakes the mountains.

This is the love given freely and generously to all:

**The pearl of great price
and the treasure of heaven.**

May the Lord in his mercy grant us pardon and peace, free us from sin and lead us to everlasting life. **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 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 please join in

Glory to God above! Heavens declare his love; praise him, you angels, praise him all you high and heavenly host. Worship him, sun and moon; stars, complement their tune; grounded in God's good purpose let his grace become your boast.

O sing alleluia and praise God for evermore!

Glory to God below let depth of ocean show; lightning and hail, snow wind and cloud perform at his command! Let every mountain range, forest and grove and grange, creatures of earth and air and sea praise God in every land:

'Glory to God!' now sing commoner, queen and king; women and men of every age unite to praise the Lord. Worship God's holy name and let your lives proclaim God's saving power extends to those who love and serve his word:

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12-17

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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The light of the incarnation shines upon us to reveal the Gospel to waiting hearts.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.41-end

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing with the president for the Creed and the prayers:

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.

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:

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace as we hear the Welsh Christmas hymn "Trysor y Crud"

When Christ was born in Bethlehem
Angels sang in praise from heaven:
let us raise our voices with them,
praising Mary's child.

*"Canu wnawn ni, canu wnawn ni,
foliant i Faban Mair,
canu wnawn ninnau'n llawen ein llef,
foliant i Faban Mair."*

The magi travelled over hill and vale
on camels, laden with gifts,
to join with the shepherds praising Mary's child.

What can we offer of value or worth
To the one who is the cradle's treasure?
Let us offer our love,
in voices raised in song, praising Mary's child.

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:

.....and repeat 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:

....we worship you, Father almighty,
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:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.

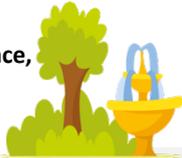
*Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, and communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion we hear a setting of
Quelle est cette odeur agréable?*

When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle as we stay seated to hear (or join in):

**Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen;
When the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night
though the frost was cruel;
When a poor man came in sight
gath'ring winter fuel.**



**"Hither, page, and stand by me
if thou know'st it, telling -
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain -
Right against the forest fence
by Saint Agnes' fountain."**



**"Bring me flesh and bring me wine
bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine
when we bear him thither."
Page and monarch forth they went,
forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.**



**"Sire, the night is darker now
and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page,
tread thou in them boldly -
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze thy blood less coldly."**

**In his master's steps he trod
where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod,
which the Saint had printed;
Therefore, Christians all, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing:
Ye who now will bless the poor
shall yourselves find blessing.**



After a time of silence all please stand with the President.
Let us pray.

After a time of silent prayer:

*Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
**help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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

TUESDAY The Holy Innocents

1930 Festival Eucharist

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Quelle est cette odeur agréable,
bergers, qui ravit tous nos sens?
S'exhale t'il rien de semblable
au milieu des fleurs du printemps?
Mais quelle éclatante lumière
dans la nuit vient frapper nos yeux?
L'astre de jour, dans sa carrière,
fut-il jamais si radieux!

A Bethléem, dans une crèche
Il vient de vous naître-un Sauveur
allons, que rien ne vous empêche
d'adorer votre rédempteur.

Dieu tout puissant, gloire éternelle vous soit
rendue jus-qu'aux cieux. Que la paix soit
universelle, que la grace abonde en tous lieux.

