

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, 16th November 2025
The Second Sunday before 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 or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. For hearing aid users, the T switch gives access to the loop. 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 to join in:*

HYMN 490

The president today is the Revd Richard Young . 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.

God knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts. In sorrow for our sin, we turn to him for mercy and for grace.

After a short silence:

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The setting for the Gloria is responsorial. Please join in the repeated refrain:

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

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R/**

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. **R/**
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. **R/**

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 Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (*music copies available*)

Sing a new song to the Lord,
he to whom wonders belong!
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power,
O sing to the Lord a new song!

**Now to the ends of the earth
see his salvation is shown;
And still he remembers his mercy and
truth, unchanging in love to his own.**

Sing a new song and rejoice,
publish his praises abroad!
Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn,
resound for the joy of the Lord.

**Join with the hills and the sea
thunders of praise to prolong!
In judgement and justice he comes to the
earth – O sing to the Lord a new song!**

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

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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Sisters and brothers, do not be weary in
doing what is right.

By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia....

GOSPEL READING Luke 21.5-19

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 Jane Walker. After the sermon there will
be a time of silence. Then all please stand with the
president as the baptism candidates come forward
to be presented. They are asked a question:*

Do you wish to be baptised?

They reply: **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 candidates 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 candidates are asked further questions:

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 sign of the cross is made on each person's
forehead, in holy oil:*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.



After all have been anointed:

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.

The candidates and president process to the font.

Father, as we have asked you to bless this
water, we pray 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 candidates lead the profession of faith with
the president:*

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.



Water is poured on each person:

.....I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When all 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 newly baptised are each given a candle, lit from the Paschal Candle. Then the president leads the welcome:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The president introduces THE PEACE:

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:

HYMN 302

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 us to join our 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.

ملکوت تو ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، و قرض های ما شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده. زیرا ملکوت وقوت و جلالنا ابدالابد از آن تو است، آمین.

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, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle and there will be a time of quiet and stillness.

Then please STAND with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Please join in:

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind. For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

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MONDAY 17th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 20th

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 22nd

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY November 23rd

Christ the King: The Last Sunday of Year C

1000 Sung Eucharist

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