

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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The Second Sunday before Lent
The Baptism of Sadie Jean Grace Mathews

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

HYMN 408

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.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect the environment. 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.**

**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 Genesis 1.1- 2.3

*This reading describes the seven days of creation.
As the work of each day is completed, please
join in the sung response:*

**Evening came, and morning came,
theday. And God saw that it was good
and God saw that it was good.**



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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.....**Alleluia....**

Cleanse our hearts and minds, Lord God, that we may hear your holy Gospel in true faith and love.

Alleluia....

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6.25-end

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

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

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 is the Revd Canon Alma Servant. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then please stand with the president who introduces the baptism candidate and then 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 Sadie and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Dear friends in Christ, the Church receives Sadie with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president addresses Sadie's parents and godparents:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. You must answer for yourselves,

as well as for Sadie. Therefore, I ask:

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 president makes the sign of the cross on Sadie's forehead, in oil, saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

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.

Water is poured into the font and blessed:

Praise God who made heaven and earth, **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water, 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.

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.

The president pours water on Sadie, saying:

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

Amen.

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.**

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for all your beloved children and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith. Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love, and protect their homes from all evil. Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A candle is presented, lit from the Paschal flame, and 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:

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We all exchange a sign of peace and then join in

HYMN 239

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.**

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

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.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your 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. Receiving the chalice is optional. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion we hear "Sweet Chance" then please join in Laudato Si.

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 stillness and quiet. Then please stand with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

God our creator, by your gift, the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we, who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross, and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 394

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

The God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing, 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.

MONDAY 9 th	1930 Eucharist
WEDNESDAY 11 th	1930 Poetry group at 15 Clifton Avenue (TS Eliot)
THURSDAY 12 th	1930 Eucharist
SATURDAY 14 th	1000 Foodbank
SUNDAY 15 th	Sunday next before Lent 1000 Sung Eucharist

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"Laudato si, O mi Signore"

Yes, be praised in all your creatures,
Sun our mother, moon our sister,
In the stars and in the breezes,
Air and fire and flowing water.

Thank you for the earth, our mother,
she who feeds us and sustains us;
for her fruits, her grass, her flowers,
for the mountains and the oceans.

Life is but a song of worship,
and the reason for our singing
is to praise you for the music,
join the dance of all creation....

