

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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The First 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 or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. 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 to join in:

ENTRANCE HYMN 3

The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. 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 first Advent Candle is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

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 have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.**

you are the light of the world:

cleanse and heal us from our sins,

give us light in our hearts

and renew us in faith and love.

Amen.

The Kyries are sung by the choir.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.

Then the president says the absolution:

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

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 Isaiah 64:1-9

Words from the prophecies of Isaiah tell of the power and might of God, and the place of human beings in the created order.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80.1-8

The psalmist asks twice that God will turn to them and shine the light of his face on his people to save them.

Please remain seated and join in the response:

Response

of v. 46 Show the light of your coun - te-nance, O Lord God of

hosts, and we shall be saved.

Show the light of your countenance, O Lord god of hosts, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock; Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **R/**

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation. // O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. **R**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, // and our enemies laugh us to scorn.// Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R/**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A message of reassurance and thoughtfulness to a church community.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus, our Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia!

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.

Repeated by all.

Prepare a way for the Lord, make God's pathway straight, and all the earth shall see the saving love of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify 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 for the Creed:

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.

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:

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 7

The offerings of the people are collected and 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 بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، بر زمین نیز کرده شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و قرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، و ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده. زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلالتا ابدآباد 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:

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion, the choir leads the singing of Wachet auf (NEH 16). When all have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle After a time of quiet, please STAND with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
**that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please join in:

**People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:
love, the guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.**

**People, look east and sing today:
love, the rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.**

**People, look east and sing today:
love, the star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth,
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.**

**People, look east and sing today:
love, the Lord, is on the way.**

PLEASE SIT for the announcements 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

Music: Advent (Knight)

MONDAY 4th St John of Damascus

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 7th Ambrose

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 9th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 10th Advent 2

1000 Sung Eucharist

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