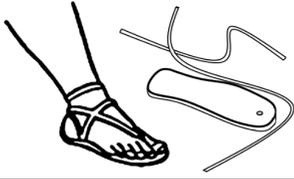


HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 6th 2020
The Second 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 by all. Hymns are heard not sung. 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. The preacher and 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.

The prayer to mark the lighting of the first Advent Candle is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

*Most merciful and loving God,
**you call us to repent of our sins;
soften our proud and stubborn hearts;
you declare forgiveness
for all who turn to you in faith:
teach us to forgive one another;
you search our hearts and show us the truth:
direct us in your way of righteousness,
that we may be ready for the coming of
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Kyries are sung by the choir and then the president says the absolution.

May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 40:1-11

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

Show us O Lord, your mercy.

*Restore us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us.*

Will you be displeased with us for ever?

Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another? Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. R/

*I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.*

*Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.*

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other; R/

Truth shall spring up from the earth and righteousness look down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give all that is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him and direct his steps in the way. R/

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his pathway straight and all the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please STAND with the president for the Creed:

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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:

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.

*Hills of the north, rejoice, echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice*

*him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.*

*Isles of the southern seas, sing to the list'ning
earth, carry on ev'ry breeze
hope of a world' s new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.*

*Lands of the east, arise, he is your brightest
morn, greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.*

*Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heav'nly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.*

*Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in ev'ry mouth,
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest.*

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.**

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
sin 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, whether or not yet confirmed, as well as communicant members of other Christian churches, are invited to receive Holy Communion under the form of bread only. Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. During communion we hear *Jesus Christ the Apple tree*. When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle for the communion of those at home and we hear:

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

After a time of silence all please STAND with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

*Father in heaven, who sent your Son to
redeem the world and will send him again to
be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming:
that when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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: *Wachet Auf* (Bach)

MONDAY 7th

0930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 9th

1930 Advent Course via Zoom

THURSDAY 10th

1930 Eucharist

Next Sunday Advent 3

1000 Sung Eucharist with Baptisms

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The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:

The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:

Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,

It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

