

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 10th 2023
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 or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. 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 15

A metrical setting of Psalm 85's verses for today.

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 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:

Lord have mercy:

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy:

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy:

Lord have mercy.

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

One of the most well-known readings from the prophecies of 'the Isaiahs'. It calls on the people to repent, and while bemoaning human weakness, emphasises the loving kindness and power of God.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: *a version of the first reading by John Bell to an old Genevan Psalm melody.*

**Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace - so says your God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
burdened by a heavy load.
To Jerusalem proclaim:
God shall take away your shame.
Now get ready to recover;
guilt and suffering are over
Hear the herald's proclamation
in the desert far and near,
calling all to true repentance,
telling that the Lord is near.
O, that warning cry obey!
For your God prepare a way.
Let the valleys rise to greet him
and the hills bow down to meet him.**

**Straighten out what has been crooked;
make the roughest places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
live as fits God's holy reign.
Soon the glory of the Lord
shall on earth be shed abroad.
Human flesh shall surely see it;
God is ready to decree it.**

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Peter's letter asks us to think ahead to the Lord's return, and how we should all be living - offering a template for holy waiting.

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, 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?

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.

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 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. The preacher today is the Revd Richard Young. 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 9

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 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:

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, whether or not yet confirmed, 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. During communion, When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle. After a time of stillness, 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**

HYMN 12

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: A Persian Folk Song

MONDAY 11th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 14th

1700 Ama-Deus Concert

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 16th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 17th

Advent 3

1000 Sung Eucharist

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But who may abide the day of His coming,
and who shall stand when He appeareth?
For He is like a refiner's fire.

He shall feed his flock, like a shepherd,
and he shall gather the lambs with his hand,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Come unto him, all ye that labour
And he will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you and learn of him.
For he is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.