

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 8th, 2024
The Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Please take it home with you. Words in **bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. **Cards to put in the collection plate are also available on the table near the entrance.** Our Advent appeal this year is for Water Aid. 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:*

ENTRANCE HYMN 12

The president today is the Revd Richard Young who introduces the service. 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 two Advent Candles 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. Then:

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 Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight –indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE The Benedictus

Please remain seated and join in the refrain.

**Blessed and holy, blessed and holy,
blessed and holy God.**

You are blessed O Lord God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set us free;
set up a mighty saviour for us
as the prophets foretold from David's line;

From the hands of our foes who surround us,
from their hatred the Saviour delivers us;
thus is fulfilled your love for our people,
your covenant, constant, faithful care:

You did swear to our patriarch Abraham
you would rescue your people and calm our fear;
then we would serve you, live in your presence
in justice and holiness all our days:

Little child of the Lord as God's prophet,
you will go on ahead and prepare the way;
bringing God's people news of salvation,
proclaiming forgiveness of their sins:

God of tenderness, God of all mercy,
as the sun at its rising you visit us;
lighting the dark where death casts its shadow
and guiding us on the way of peace:

To the Father almighty give glory,
to the Son who redeems give thanks and praise,
and to the Spirit, dwelling within us
give glory and honour all our days:

SECOND READING Philippians 1:3-11

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.
**Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and
life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**
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 Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ
the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. 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:*
Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
**for he is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. 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 and then join in:

OFFERTORY HYMN 19

"The Saviour, now to all displayed"

A collection will be taken. *The offerings of the people 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.**

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 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 وقوت و جلالت 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:

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, 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, the choir sings Wachet Auf (Bach/Nicolai see NEH 16 for English words).

When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle.

After a time of stillness and quiet 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 5

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* (JS Bach)

TODAY

**Shakespearean Garden Event until 2.30pm
Platt Fields Park (starting 11am)**

MONDAY 9th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY 12th

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY 13th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 14th Advent 3

1000 Sung Eucharist

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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.

Olearius/Winkworth/Bell

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