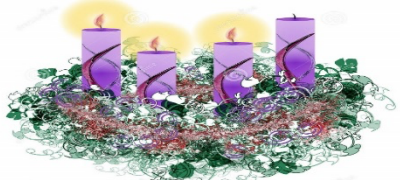


HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, December 15th 2024
The Third 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 donations.*

Our Advent retiring collection this year is for Christian Aid. By tradition, we are 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:

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air;
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of His people's prayer?**

**Surely He cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and call each listening ear;
Surely He cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in His promise - for his time is near.**

**This hath He done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall He do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at His feet the burden of our care.**

**Yet, through life, death,
through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

FWH Myers (1843-1901)

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

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the Ages.

Blessed be God for ever.

'The axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.' But confident in God's mercy we 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. 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 Zephaniah 3.13-20

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE Isaiah 12

Please remain seated and join in the refrain.

**Refrain: We shall draw water joyfully,
singing joyfully, singing joyfully;
We shall draw water joyfully
from the well springs of salvation.**

Truly God is our salvation, we trust, we shall not fear. For the Lord is our strength, the Lord is our song; He became our Saviour. R/
Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
Give praise to his holy name! Make his mighty deeds known to all the nations; proclaim his greatness. R/

Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds. Make known his works to all the earth; people of Zion, sing for joy; for great in your midst, great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R/

SECOND READING Philippians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation. This is sung as a canon – please join in...

**Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 3.7-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

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 Richard Young.

After a time of silence, 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 and then join in:

OFFERTORY HYMN 55

There will be a collection. 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 فرضداران خود را می بخشیم،
زیرا را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.
ملکوت وقوت و جلالنا ابدالآباد 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 "O thou the central orb" (Wood) When all have received Holy Communion what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle

*A time of silent prayer follows.
At the end all please STAND with the President.
Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer:
We give you thanks, O Lord,
for these heavenly gifts;
**kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
Amen.**

Please join in:
**Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.**
**When earth drew on to darkest night,
you came, but not in splendour bright,
not as a king, but as the child
of Mary, Virgin mother mild.**

**At your great name, majestic now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord
join those in heaven to call you Lord.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

*Please sit for the announcements then stand for
the blessing and dismissal.*
May the God of peace
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless,
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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: Creator of the Stars of Night (Yon)

MONDAY 16th

1930 Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 18th

O Adonai

0900 Eucharist St James' School

THURSDAY 19th

O Radix Jesse

1200 Eucharist

FRIDAY 20th **Shab-e-Yalda** O Clavis David

1200 Community Lunch

SATURDAY 21st

O Oriens

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd

1000 Sung Eucharist for Advent 4

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I look from afar: and lo,
I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Art thou he that should come
to rule thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor,
one with another:
go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:
art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength
and come to rule thy people Israel.

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