

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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The Fourth 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 and giving cards are available for the collection. Please be still and quiet before the service as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist.*

When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

HYMN 11

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 fourth Advent Candle is led by the choir.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

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 exalted the humble and meek:

give us contrite hearts;

be planted in our lives

**that we might be filled
with your heavenly gifts**

and grow in love for each other

and for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Kyries are sung by the choir.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, 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 Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE *(music available on table)*

A setting of the Magnificat, the song of Mary.

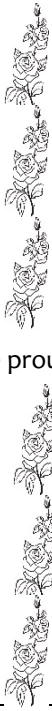
My soul proclaims you, mighty God,
my spirit sings your praise;
you look on me, you lift me up,
and gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,
your gifts you have outpoured,
your little one you have made great—
I magnify my God.

For those who love your holy name,
your mercy will not die;
your strong right arm puts down the proud
and lifts the holy high.

You fill the hungry with good things,
the rich you send away;
the promise made to Abraham
is filled to endless day.

Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat praise God!
Praise God, praise God, praise God,
praise God, magnificat, praise God!



SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5-10

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! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and
life. Alleluia! Open our hearts to your word.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 1.39-45

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
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 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

A collection will be taken. The gifts 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 شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. و را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، 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:

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. 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:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
**that in all things
we may embrace your holy will,
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please join in:

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**

**O, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.**

**O, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendour comes
And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Be with us, King of kings.**

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.

TUESDAY 24th Christmas Eve

23:30 The First Eucharist of Christmas

WEDNESDAY 25th Christmas Day

10:00 Sung Eucharist of the Nativity

NEXT SUNDAY 29th

**1000 Festival Eucharist
for the Holy Innocents**

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A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted,
From Jesse's holy race,
It blooms without blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring,
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing,
Our God of endless might,
Gave her this child to save us
Thus turning darkness into light.



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