

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

## All Souls' Day – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today we remember in prayer, word and music  
all who we love and but see no more.  
Together we commit them again to God's everlasting love  
and hope that we, with them,  
may share in the eternal life promised to us in Christ.

*Please be still and silent as we wait together for the service to begin.  
When the bell rings, please stand to sing:*

### HYMN 396

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.**

God our Father full of grace and truth,  
**you create us from nothing and give us life.**  
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.  
**You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.**



Holy God, ho-ly and strong, ho-ly and im-mortal, have mercy up-on us.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us  
from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

*The president says the Collect for All Souls' Day. At the end: Amen*

*PLEASE SIT for the Ministry of the Word.*

**FIRST READING:** Lamentations 3.17-26

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings Esti Dal, by Zoltan Kodaly.*

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into  
an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept  
in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God  
through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.  
In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to  
suffer various trials.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia....

**Alleluia, alleluia...**

I am the first and the last and the living one, says the Lord  
I was dead, but behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia....**

**GOSPEL READING** John 6: 37-40

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*PLEASE SIT for the sermon.*

*After the sermon the small candles are lit as the choir sings:*

How blest is life if lived for thee,  
my loving Saviour and my Lord!  
No pleasures that the world can give  
such perfect gladness can afford.

To know I am thy ransomed child,  
bought by thine own most precious blood;  
And from thy loving hand to take  
with grateful heart each gift of good;

All day to walk beneath thy smile,  
watching thine eye to guide me still;  
To rest at night beneath thy care,  
guarded by thee from every ill;

To feel that though I journey on  
by stony paths and rugged ways,  
Thy blessed feet have gone before,  
and strength is given for weary days.  
Such love shall ever make me glad,  
strong in thy strength to work or rest,  
Until I see thee face to face, and in thy light am fully blest

*Please stand for the prayer of the faithful.*

*After each section:*

Hear us risen Lord:

**Our resurrection and our life.**

*At the end:*

This is the will of him that sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me  
**and I will raise them up at the last day.**

*All move to stand near the font, carrying their lighted candles,  
As the choir leads the first two verses of the Song of Farewell.*

**May the choirs of angels, come to greet you,  
may they lead you to paradise;  
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy,  
may you find eternal life.**

The Lord is my light and my help,  
it is he who protects me from harm.  
The Lord is the strength of my days;  
before whom should I tremble with fear?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord;  
that he grant me my heartfelt desire;  
to dwell in the courts of our God,  
ev'ry day of my life in his presence...

*The president stands at the font and says:*

We have received the light of Christ  
**Let us walk in this light all the days of our life.**  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we have a share in the promise of eternal life  
**As it was and shall be,  
throughout all generations,  
now and forever.**

*We place our candles on the waters of baptism and stay standing near  
the font as further verses of the Song of Farewell are sung.*

O Lord hear my voice when I cry,  
have mercy on me and give answer.  
Do not cast me away in your anger,  
for you are the God of my life. ....*Refrain*

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness,  
I shall dwell in the land of the living,  
hope in God, stand firm and take heart,  
place all your trust in the Lord. ....*Refrain*

*Then the president says:*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

All return to their seats. After a few moments of silent prayer, the president introduces **THE PEACE**:  
Jesus says: peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid:  
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 329

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:*

.....with all your faithful people, evermore 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, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not let us enter into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil;  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

*We SIT or KNEEL as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:  
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

**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:*  
'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord; 'whoever comes to me  
will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'  
'I am the vine: you are the branches.'

**May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

*All who wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing approach the altar. All who are baptised, as well as communicant members of other churches are invited to receive communion with us. During communion, we hear a setting of Pie Jesu (Faure) When all who wish have received communion or a blessing, there will be a time of stillness and quiet. Then all please remain seated to join in:*

**Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow;  
the world in slumber lies.**

**But you, my heart, awaking - and prayer and music making,  
Let praise to your Creator rise.**

**The radiant sun has vanished,  
All golden rays are banished  
from dark'ning skies of night;  
But Christ, the Sun of gladness, dispelling all our sadness,  
Shines down on us in warmest light.**

**Lord Jesus, since you love me,  
Now spread your wings above me  
and shield me from alarm.**

**Though evil would devour me, let angel guards sing o'er me:  
'This child of God shall meet no harm.'**

**Our loved ones - rest securely,  
Christ's promise keeps you surely -  
no perils cloud your way.**

**Sweet slumbers may he send you and bid his hosts attend you  
As darkness turns to endless day.**

*Please stand:*

Let us pray

*After a moment of silent prayer:*

God of love,  
**may the death and resurrection of Christ  
which we have celebrated in this Eucharist  
bring us, with all the departed,  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our salvation,  
to whom be glory for time and for eternity. Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the blessing and dismissal.*

May God give you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next; 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.**

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"O, my Lord, give me a place to sleep,  
give me a good night, send me a holy angel.  
Grant us our hearts' dreams, give us a good night."  
From Esti Dal, Zoltan Kodaly