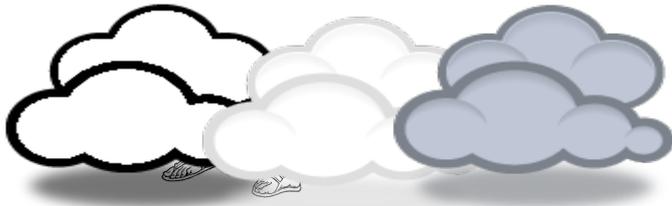


# Holy Innocents Fallowfield



Ascension Day  
Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Welcome to Holy Innocents on the Feast of the Ascension.

Today, Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
has ascended into the heavens. Alleluia!

He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia!

Now are David's songs fulfilled,  
now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia!

He sits upon the royal throne of God,  
in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia!

Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised,  
let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen

The president and preacher tonight is the Revd Richard Young.  
Please be still and quiet as we prepare together to celebrate the  
Eucharist. When the bell rings please stand:

*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**

*Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the  
heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true  
heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our  
heavenly Father.*

Silent prayer.

*God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine  
upon us; Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power  
among the nations: Christ, have mercy.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your  
justice in the sight of every people: Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to  
be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve  
him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT – the prayer for Ascension Day:

*Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect.

At the end: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1.1-11

At the end:

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 150 is sung by the choir**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND for the Gospel Alleluia:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia: Go and make disciples of all nations, |  
says the Lord. Remember, I am with you always, to the end | of  
the age. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 24: 44-53

*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 for the sermon. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then we STAND with the president for the profession of faith:  
*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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL follows. After each section:

*Lord, hear us:*

**Lord graciously hear us.**

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:

*Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*

*If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.*

*Alleluia. May the peace of the Lord be always with you:*

**And also with you.**

All exchange a gesture of peace as we hear:

**Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!**

**To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!**

**Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!**

**Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!**

**There for him high triumph waits: Alleluia!**

**Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!**

**He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!**

**Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!**

**Far beyond the starry height, Alleluia!**

**Lift our hearts that we may rise Alleluia!**

**One with you beyond the skies: Alleluia!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!**

**Partners of thine endless reign, Alleluia!**

**There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!**

**Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Alleluia!**

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:

*....we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.**

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 sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your 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 to receive Holy Communion or a blessing approach the altar. During communion we hear *Coelos Ascendit Hodie.*

When all have received Holy Communion there will be a time of silence. Then please stand with the president.

*Let us pray:*

*God our Father,*

*you have raised our humanity in Christ*

*and have fed us with the bread of heaven:*

**mercifully grant that,**

**nourished with such spiritual blessings,**

**we may set our hearts in the heavenly places,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.*

**Amen.**

*God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.*

**Amen.**

*God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King.*

**Amen.**

*And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you today and always.*

**Amen.**

*Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*O praise God in His holiness;  
Praise Him in the firmament of His power;  
Praise Him in His noble acts,  
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet;  
Praise him upon the lute and harp;  
Praise Him in the cymbals and dances;  
Praise Him upon the strings and pipe.  
**Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.***