Holy Innocents Fallowfield

"..ravished from our human eyes….
…still he calls us all his own…."

Ascension Day
Thursday May 14th 2026

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Welcome to Holy Innocents on the Feast of the Ascension.
This year, Ascension Day falls in Christian Aid Week. Envelopes are available for donations before and after the service.

Please be still and quiet as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings please stand to sing:

HYMN 130

The president tonight is the Revd Richard Young who greets the people and introduces the service

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.

A time of silent prayer follows.

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.

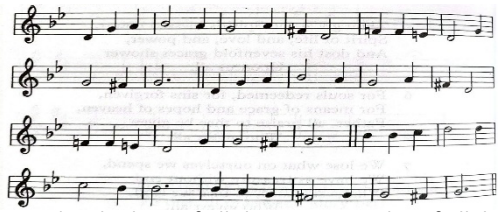
THE COLLECT for Ascension Day:

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 47 *Please remain seated*



God is the king of all the nations, ruler of all, he reigns on high.
Hold him in awe, give thanks and fear him,
Victory is ours, he heard our cry.
O clap your hands, all nations, sing
Praise to the Lord, your mighty king.

Merry the noise and loud the trumpet,
Peoples united in his praise;
Seated in heaven, Lord eternal, choosing the path for all our days
O Jacob's pride, rejoice and sing
Praise to the Lord, your mighty king.

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.

At the end: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND to sing the Gospel Alleluia:

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, 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. The preacher is the Revd Canon Alma Servant. After the sermon there will be a time of silence.
Then we STAND with the president for the profession of faith:

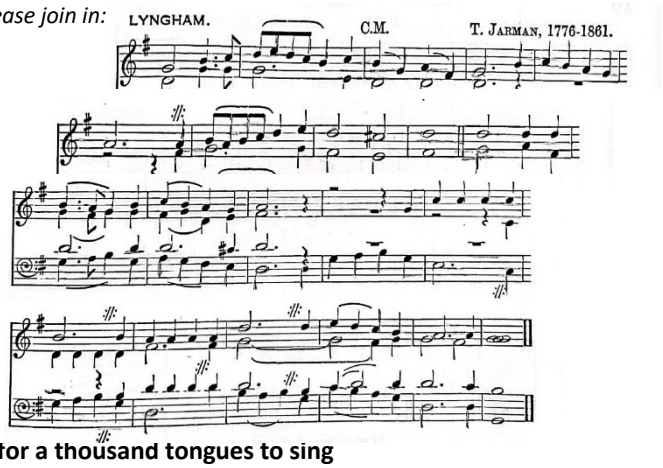
Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised 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.

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.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please join in:



O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus--the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

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.

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدّس باد، ملکوت تو بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در
و قرض بر زمین نیز کرده شود.نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده. آسمان است،
و ما را در های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم،
زیرا آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.
ملکوت وقوّت و جلالتا ابدالآباد از آن تو است، آمی

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 the choir sings a setting of Hymn 135. When all have received Holy Communion there will be a time of stillness and quiet. Then please stand with the president.

Let us pray: (*a moment of silent prayer follows*)
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.

HYMN 134

Please remain standing for the blessing and dismissal:
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!

All are invited to stay for refreshments. (All proceeds to Christian Aid)

Rector: The Revd Richard Young
Associate Priest: The Revd Jane Walker
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