

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD



Sunday, November 23rd 2025
Christ the King

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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**. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist.*

When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King; Lord of heaven,
our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Lord of Lords on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by Your humble birth: *Yours the glory....***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *Yours the glory....***

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: *Yours the glory....***

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: *Yours the glory....***

The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. 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.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The setting for the Gloria is responsorial. Please join in the repeated refrain:

**Gloria to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **R/**

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. **R/**
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. **R/**

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 Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. So, says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46 *to a setting by Isaac Watts*



**God is the refuge of his saints,
When storms of sharp distress invade
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold him present with his aid.**

**Let mountains from their seats be hurled
Down to the deep, and buried there,
Convulsions shake the solid world,
Our faith shall never yield to fear.**

**Loud may the troubled ocean roar,
In sacred peace our souls abide,
While every nation, every shore,
Trembles, and dreads the swelling tide.**

**There is a stream, whose gentle flow
Makes glad the city of our God;
Life, love, and joy still gliding through,
And wat'ring our divine abode.**

**That sacred stream, thine holy word,
That all our raging fear controls:
Sweet peace thy promises afford,
And give new strength to fainting souls.**

**Zion enjoys her Monarch's love,
Secure against a threat'ning hour;
Nor can her firm foundations move,
Built on such truth and armed with power**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia...

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You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia...

GOSPEL READING Luke 23: 33-43

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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

Glorify 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 Richard Young. After the sermon there
will be a time of silence. Then all please stand with
the president for the Creed:*

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, 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:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.
Please join in:*

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.**

**Angels, saints and nations sing:
"Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"**

**King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings**

**King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.**

**Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.**

**Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above,
clad in signs of bread and wine :
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!**

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, 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.

Please 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
sins 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.**

All are invited to 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 and there will be a time of quiet and stillness. Then all please STAND with the President.

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer.

Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people;

**that, bringing forth the fruit of good works,
they may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND 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, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ:

Thanks be to God.

MONDAY November 24th

1930 Eucharist

THURSDAY November 27th

1930 Eucharist

SATURDAY November 29th

1000 Foodbank

NEXT SUNDAY November 30th

Advent Sunday

1000 Sung Eucharist

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