HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

The Community of Heaven:
November 1st, 2026

Today we give thanks not only for the saints: apostles, teachers and martyrs - but for the whole company of heaven, those who we love but see no more. Please take this leaflet home with you. Please be still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.

When the bell rings, please stand and face the font to sing:

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him, one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God, to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come, waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide; then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

The procession moves to the font, where the president today, the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth introduces the celebration with the blessing of water and the penitential rite:

+ 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.
Praise God who made heaven and earth,
Who keeps his promises for ever.

Lord of the heavens, we bless your name for all your servants
who have been a sign of your grace through the ages.
Hope of the saints, make known your glory.

You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction, you divided the waters of the sea,
and by the hand of Moses you led your people from slavery into the promised land.
Hope of the saints, make known your glory.

You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son that all who confess his name,
may, by the Holy Spirit enter the covenant of grace,
receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven, and share in the divine nature.
Hope of the saints, make known your glory.

Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same spirit,
that all who enter them may be reborn and rise from the grave to new life in Christ.
Hope of the saints, make known your glory.

As the apostles and prophets, confessors and martyrs
faithfully served you in their generation,
may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Hope of the saints, make known your glory.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.
Let us recall those upon whom the shadow of death has fallen,
and at whose loss we sorrowed;
Yet we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In union with the whole community of heaven, let us call to mind our sin:
After a moment of silent prayer:
Lord our God,
we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the president says the absolution:
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings the Kyries as the procession moves to the sanctuary, then all join in:

Glory 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/**

Let us pray.
After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect for All Saints' Day. At the end: **Amen.**

Please SIT for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING Revelation 7.9-end

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

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Restless is the heart, until it comes to rest in you;
All the earth, all the earth shall remember and return to our God.
Lord, you have been our refuge through all time, from one generation to the next,
Before the mountains were formed or the earth brought forth, you were God,
Without beginning or end.

In your eyes a thousand years are like a day, no more than a watch in the night
You sweep us away like a dream, like the grass that springs green in the morning
But faded by night.

Make us know our life's shortness, make us know our life's shortness
That we may gain new wisdom, new wisdom of heart. In the morning,
the morning, fill us with your love.

SECOND READING 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
At the end: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.... **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...**
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia…

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5.1-12

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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 today is the Revd Richard Young. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. The please stand with the president.

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.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind, freedom to captives and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit:
bring in your kingdom.
Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**
Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love…….
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**
Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**
Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit **bring in your kingdom.**
Lord of the Church,
hear our prayer, and make us one in mind and heart to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

All move to stand around the font or turn to face it. The president places a lighted candle on the waters of the font, saying:
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.

A list of names is read aloud. At the end, individual candles are lit, as we hear "Death be not proud". (Donne, Brittain) .
All who wish to, float their candles on the waters of the font and return to their seats for quiet prayer. Then the president says:

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.

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.

All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:
For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy people, faithful, true and bold,
live as thy saints who nobly lived of old,
And earn with them that glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Where golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl - streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The offerings of the people are collected, 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:
....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 in 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
بر زمین نیز کرده ملکوت تو بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقّدس باد،
و ما را و قرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم، شود.نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.
در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.
زیرا ملکوت وقوّت و جلالتا ابدالآباد 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 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.
Communicant members of other churches are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Those who are not baptised are invited to come forward for a blessing.
During communion, the choir sings the Contakion of the Dead (Kyiv) and Bring me all your dreams (Harris)
When all have received Holy Communion there will be a time of stillness and quiet.
Then all please stand with the President.

Let us pray.
A moment of silent prayer follows
God, the source of all holiness and giver of good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast
on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please join in:
Give me the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
their couch was wet with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

I asked them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses show the same path to heaven.

Please sit for the announcements and then stand for the blessing and dismissal.
May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

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.

November 2026 The Kingdom Season:

Sunday November 8th: Remembrance Sunday.
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

Sunday November 15th: Second Before Advent
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Sunday November 22nd: Christ the King
10.00am Sung Eucharist for the end of the liturgical year.

Death be not proud, though some have called thee mighty and dreadful,
for thou art not so
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me from rest and sleep,
which but thy pictures be
Much pleasure, then from thee, much more must flow
And soonest our best men with thee do go rest of their bones, and soul's delivery
Thou art slave to Fate, Chance, kings, and desperate men
and dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell
And poppy, or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.

Bring me all your dreams, you dreamers, bring me all your heart melodies
That I may wrap them in a blue cloud-cloth.
Away from the too-rough fingers of the world.

Weekday Eucharists:

Monday 7.30pm, Thursday 12 noon

Poetry Group: *Wednesday 4th November at 5 Park Range at 7.30pm*

Education Series: Saturday 7th November at 10am.

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