

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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Welcome to Holy Innocents on the feast of Corpus Christi  
– a day of thanksgiving for the Eucharist.

*The president tonight is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth.  
Please be as still and silent as possible before the service begins.  
When the bell rings, please stand to sing:*

**Jesus, we thus obey thy last and kindest word;  
here in thine own appointed way we come to meet thee, Lord.  
Our hearts we open wide to make the Saviour room;  
and lo, the Lamb, the Crucified, the sinner's friend, is come.**

**Thy presence makes the feast; now let our spirits feel  
thy glory not to be expressed, the joy unspeakable.  
With high and heavenly bliss thou dost our spirits cheer;  
thy house of banqueting is this and thou hast brought us here.**

**Now let our souls be fed with manna from above,  
and over us thy banner spread of everlasting love.  
These gifts eternal prove our pardon is secured  
The fullness of God's mighty love is here in Christ assured.**

*Charles Wesley 1708-88*

*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.**

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love for us, let  
us call to mind our sins and seek God's healing and forgiveness:

*A time of silence follows:*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

*Please join in:*

**All glory be to God on high, his peace on earth proclaim;  
to all his people tell abroad the glory of his name.**

**In songs of thankfulness and praise our hearts their homage bring  
to worship him who reigns above – our God and heavenly King.**

**O Christ, the Father's only Son, O Lamb enthroned on high,  
O Jesus, who for sinners died in mercy hear our cry.  
Most high and holy is the Lord, most high his heavenly throne;  
the Father, Son and Spirit reign in glory ever one.**

**THE COLLECT** The prayer for Corpus Christi

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:** Genesis 14: 18-20

And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he  
was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be  
Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed  
be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your  
hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116** is said antiphonally, led by the choir.

How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants.

**O Lord, I am your servant, your servant,  
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND to sing:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Cleanse our hearts and minds, Lord God,  
that we may hear your holy Gospel in true faith and love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia....**

**GOSPEL READING** John 6: 51-58

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

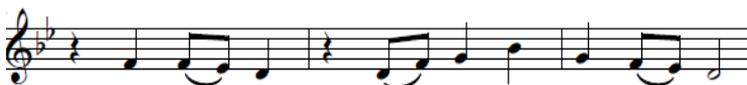
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ .**

*Please SIT for the sermon. The preacher tonight is the Revd Canon Alma  
Servant. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please  
STAND with the president for the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL. After each  
section:*



*Cantor:* Lord hear\_ us, *All:* Lord\_ gra - cious - ly hear\_ us.

*After the final section (for the departed) there will be a time of silent  
prayer.*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into  
one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up  
our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:*

**Robe yourself, my soul, in gladness,  
leave sin's gloomy den of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendour,  
come with joy your praise to render.  
For the Lord who brings salvation,  
offers now this invitation;  
Holy guest beyond all telling, here on earth among us dwelling.**

**That this living bread is boundless -  
though the people fed are countless -  
and that Christ his blood is giving  
in the wine we are receiving:  
all our thinking, as we ponder,  
cannot comprehend this wonder,  
mystery, of God's intention, past all human comprehension.**

Jesus, light of every nation,  
dearest friend of all creation,  
Jesus, source of all my being,  
all my thoughts and actions seeing:  
at your feet I fall, my maker;  
make me be a fit partaker  
of this feast that you have given -  
as our food, the food from heaven.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,  
let me cheerfully obey you,  
and accept your invitation  
for my good, not condemnation.  
Tasting now this greatest treasure,  
knowing love beyond all measure -  
now on earth these gifts you give me;  
as your guest in heaven receive me.

*(Adapted from the Australian Lutheran version of Schmücke dich O liebe Seele)*

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 sing for ever of your glory:*

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom for ever adored;  
the earth and the heavens are full of your love,  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he,  
whose life makes us whole and whose love sets us free,  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

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 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,  
give 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 sing:

**Jesus, the first and last, on thee my soul is cast:**

**Thou didst thy work begin by blotting out my sin;**

**Thou wilt the root remove, and perfect me in love.**

**Yet when the work is done, the work is but begun:**

**Partaker of thy grace, I long to see thy face;**

**The first I prove below, the last I die to know.**

WHEN ALL HAVE RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION and returned to their places, there will be a time of silent prayer. The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar.

At the end of the silence, please remain seated to join in:

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,**

**body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,**

**blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me with water  
flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy Passion be,**

**O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;**

**deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,**

**so shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,**

**in death's dread moments make me only thine;**

**call me and bid me come to thee on high**

**where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

*All praise to you, our God and Father,*

*for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our  
thirst from the true vine;*

**hear our prayer that being grafted into Christ,**

**we may grow together in unity**

**and feast with him in his kingdom;**

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

*Christ who has nourished you with himself the true and living  
bread, make you one in faith and love and raise you up on the*

*last day, and the blessing of God almighty,*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

*be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

The Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle.

Then please stand for the dismissal.

*Go in the peace of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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