

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available for the collection. Please be as still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## ENTRANCE HYMN 49

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.*

*Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.*

**From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.*

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

*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 the nations: Lord, have mercy.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.**

**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 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 Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come - the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Look around; they all gather together; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea and the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

The young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72.10-15

Response:

**Kings bow down before him, all the nations do him service.**



The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay| tribute  
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall |bring gifts.

All kings shall fall | down before him;  
all nations shall | do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor that |cry out,  
the needy and those who have no | helper.  
He shall have pity on the |weak and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives | of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and |violence,  
and dear shall their blood be| in his sight.

Long may he live; unto him may be given |gold from Sheba;  
may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless  
him |all the day long.

## SECOND READING Ephesians 3: 1-12

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*

ستاره شناسان از شادی در پوست نمی گنجیدند

Setare shenasan | az shadi

dar pooste khod nemi- | gonjidand.

*(When they saw that the star had stopped, they were  
overwhelmed with joy)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 2: 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 down for the sermon. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. Then all please STAND with the president for the Prayer of the Faithful. Today this is sung, led by the choir with short biddings between each verse.

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,  
finding one wiser than they knew;  
rich men, they met with one yet richer  
King of the kings, they knelt to you:  
**Jesus, our wisdom from above,  
wealth and redemption, life and love.**



Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,  
searching for one who knows the world;  
lost are their names, and strange their journeys,  
famed is their zeal to find the child:  
**Jesus, in you the lost are claimed,  
strangers are found, and known, and named.**

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour,  
led by a star to light supreme;  
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,  
glory and peace are in your name.  
**Joy of each day, our song by night,  
shine on our path your holy light.**

Guests of their God, they opened treasures,  
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;  
welcoming one too young to question  
how came these gifts, and what they were.  
**Gift beyond price of gold or gem,  
make among us your Bethlehem.**

At the end, after a short silence:  
*Father, we rejoice in our fellowship  
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,  
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the departed.*  
**In your unfailing love for us and for all people,  
hear and answer our prayers  
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The president introduces THE PEACE:  
*Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his  
government and of peace there shall be no end.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.*  
**And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace.

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN 50**

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:

*.....and sing our joyful hymn of praise:*

**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:

*....we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours  
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,  
grant us peace.**

The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:

*God's holy gifts for God's holy people:*

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

Those who wish draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, and 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 there is a time of silent prayer. At the end of the silence all please stand with the President.

*Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer:

*Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:*

**may we who with the magi have been drawn by your light,  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please join in:

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;**

**ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**Sages leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;**

**seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:**

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**Though an infant now we view him,**

**he shall fill his father's throne,**

**gather all the nations to him, every knee shall then bow down:**

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

PLEASE remain standing for the blessing and dismissal.

*Christ our Lord,*

*to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,  
reveal to you his glory, and pour upon you the riches of his grace;*

*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**

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