

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:

**We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

*“Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign...”*

*“Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God most high.”*

*“Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ...”*

**Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Heaven sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies....**

The preacher and president today is the Revd Richard Young. 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.

**Glorify 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 today

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 its 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72.10-15

is said antiphonally led by the choir.

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.**

Please STAND for the Gospel Acclamation.

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

When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy. **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 Creed.*

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.

*Please remain standing 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. A piece of music is
played as 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 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 in heaven

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever.

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, are invited to receive Holy Communion. (Children may prefer to receive only the consecrated bread.) Others are asked to fold their arms for a blessing. When all have received Holy Communion there is a time of silence.

Then 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:

**In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone: snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.**

We sit for the announcements and blessing of the chalk, then STAND 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

THIS SUNDAY: January 8th

The Baptism of the Lord

1000 Sung Eucharist

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Chalking the Door

A blessing of a house or other building
on the feast of the Epiphany.

*A basket of chalk is brought to the president who
says a short blessing:*

May God, who provided a safe dwelling place
for the eternal Word, bless this chalk,
the homes of the faithful and the people who
live there, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessed chalk is laid before the altar.



*If you wish to take a piece of chalk to use at home,
they will be available at the end of the service. A
small card with words of blessing is also included.*

“Know, dear friends that, as we have rejoiced at
the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave
of God’s mercy we announce to you also
the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.
On the 22nd of February will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 9th of April we will celebrate Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 18th of May will be the
Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 28th of May the feast of Pentecost.

On the 3rd of December the First Sunday of Advent
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.”