

# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



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*The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

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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. Please be still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

*When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

**Christ, from whom all blessings flow,  
perfecting the saints below,  
hear us, who your nature share,  
who your mystic body are.**

**Join us, in your Spirit's power,  
let your love inspire each hour;  
still for more on you we call,  
For your love is all in all.**

**Move and motivate and guide,  
diverse gifts to each divide;  
placed according to your will,  
let us all our work fulfil.**

**Let each life proclaim your might:  
share each gift of grace or light;  
Loved, redeemed, within your fold -  
then your glory we behold.**

*The president today is the Revd Canon Alma Servant.  
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.**

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 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 27**

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
Why should I be afraid?**

When the powers of evil move towards me,  
when my very flesh is under threat,  
when my enemies smell the scent of vict'ry  
they shall stumble and fall.

Should a mighty army camp around me,  
still my heart would register no fear.  
Though a war were waged, though it raged  
against me, I'd trust God and stand firm.

One thing through it all my soul is seeking  
to live all my life within God's house;  
There to spend my days, gazing at God's  
beauty while at one with my Lord.

God protects me in the time of trouble,  
shelters me yet sets me on a rock.  
Safe from ev'ry harm, safe from all that  
threatens, I will sing and rejoice.

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to join in:*

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

**Alleluia, alleluia...**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 4.12-23

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 down for the sermon. The preacher today is The Revd Jane Walker. 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. After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

Into your hands, O Lord,  
**We commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All exchange a sign of peace. Then please join in:*

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star to the Magi from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God incarnate - manifest.

Hailed as Lord at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God among us - manifest.

Seen again when making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
present too, in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God among us, manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine;  
all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear.  
You will be by all confessed,  
God incarnate, manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do  
imitate and honour you;  
that we too like you may be  
at your great epiphany  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
God made human, manifest.

*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.**

ی پدر ما که در آسمانی، نام تو مقدس باد، ملکوت تو  
بر زمین نیز کرده بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است،  
و قرض های ما را شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.  
و ما ببخش چنانکه ما نیز قرضداران خود را می بخشیم،  
زیرا را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه از شریر ما را رهایی ده.  
ملکوت و قوت و جلالنا ابدالابد 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 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.*

*During communion the choir sings a setting of Like  
The Murmur of the Dove's Song. When all have  
received Holy Communion there is a time of stillness  
and quiet, then all please stand with the President.*

Let us pray. *After a moment of silent prayer:*  
Almighty Father, whose Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
**may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped,  
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please join in:*

**When Jesus saw the fishermen  
In boats upon the sea:  
He called to them 'Come leave your nets –  
and follow, follow me.'  
They followed where he healed the sick  
and gave the hungry bread,  
And others joined them as they went –**

**Wherever Jesus led.**

**And now his friends are everywhere;**

**The circle once so small**

**Extends around the whole wide world**

**For Jesus calls us all.**

**In this great circle we belong,**

**Wherever we may be,**

**If we will answer when he calls**

**'Come follow, follow me.'**

*PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for  
the blessing and dismissal.*

Christ, the Son of God, perfect in you the  
image of his glory and gladden your hearts  
with the good news of his kingdom; 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 26 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Eucharist 2000 Bellringers
THURSDAY 29 <sup>th</sup>	1930 Eucharist
SATURDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>	1000 Foodbank
SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> February	1000 Candlemas Sung Eucharist

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Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:

*Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

