

HOLY INNOCENTS
FALLOWFIELD



Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace,
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance, sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods, drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Maundy Thursday
April 2nd 2026

Tonight we share the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples.
We celebrate with joy, because this gift of Jesus to his Church
is still the source and focus of our life.
At the supper Jesus showed the depth of his love and commitment
by washing the feet of his disciples.
Tonight we also wash feet because it is through acts of loving service for one another
that we respond to Christ's command to love.
Christ's loving surrender brought suffering with it:
this supper is the immediate prelude to his arrest, trial and execution.

At the end of the service tonight the Sacrament is taken to the tabernacle.

*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. It is our tradition be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

When the bell rings, please stand to join in:

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise:
In all His words most wonderful; most sure in all His ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God, when all was sin and shame,
He, the last Adam, to the fight and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.**

**And that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and His very self and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that He, who smote in Man for man the foe,
The double agony in man for us should undergo.**

**And in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,
Should teach His followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise:
In all His words most wonderful; most sure in all His ways.**

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean; Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

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 evening

Let us pray.

After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect. At the end: Amen.

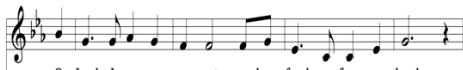
Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.

FIRST READING Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116 *please join in the refrain*



O Lord, I am your ser-vant; you have freed me from my bonds.



Refrain: **O Lord, I am your servant;
 you have freed me from my bonds.**

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice
 of my supplication; // because he inclined
 his ear to me on the day I called to him.
 The snares of death encompassed me;
 the pains of hell took hold of me;
 by grief and sorrow was I held.
 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 servant.
 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.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also
 handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on
 the night when he was betrayed took a
 loaf of bread, and when he had given
 thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my
 body that is for you. Do this in
 remembrance of me." In the same way
 he took the cup also, after supper,
 saying, "This cup is the new covenant in
 my blood. Do this, as often as you drink
 it, in remembrance of me."
 For as often as you eat this bread and
 drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's
 death until he comes.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing:

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
 For thy flesh is meat indeed;
 Ever may our souls be fed
 With this true and living bread,
 Day by day with strength supplied
 Through the life of him who died.
 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
 This blest cup of sacrifice;
 'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
 To thy cross we look and live:
 Thou our life! O let us be
 Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

GOSPEL READING John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

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. After the sermon there will be a time of silence. The WASHING OF FEET follows.



Those who wish to have their feet washed are invited to move to the front row.

During the washing of feet the choir sings Drop drop slow tears and a setting of Ubi Caritas.

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are, God is there. At the same time, therefore, we are gathered into one: Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.

Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease. And in the midst of us be Christ our God: yet at the same time we see Thy face in glory, with the saints, O Christ our God: In the joy that is immense and good, world without end. Amen.

At the end:

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand for the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us - **and humble us.**

On this night he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us - **and unite us.**

On this night he prayed for those who were to believe through their message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

- **and renew our zeal.**

On this night he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and the unloved.

Lord, hear us

- **and fill us with your love.**

On this night he reminded them that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us:

and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death

and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us:

and welcome all your children into paradise.

The president introduces the Peace:

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:

**The heavenly Word proceeding forth
Yet leaving not the Father's side,
And going to his work on earth,
Had reached at length life's eventide.**

**By false disciple to be given
To foemen for his life athirst,
Himself, the living bread from heaven,
He gave to his disciples first.**

**In twofold form of sacrament,
He gave his flesh, he gave his blood,
That we, of soul and body blent,
Might wholly feed on mystic food.**

**By birth a fellow-man was he,
Our meat while sitting at the board;
He died, our ransom to be,
He reigns to be our great reward.**

**O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to all below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**

**All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee.
Amen.**

The bread and wine are brought to the altar.

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified
and risen Lord.

We know that it was not only our
ancestors, but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage into
freedom,
from mourning to feasting.

We know
that as he was with them in the upper
room, so our Lord is here with us now.
**Until the kingdom of God comes,
let us celebrate this feast.**

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 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 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 بیاید. اراده تو چنانکه در آسمان است، بر
زمین نیز کرده شود. نان کفاف ما را امروز به ما بده.
و فرض های ما را ببخش چنانکه ما نیز فرضداران
خود را می بخشیم، و ما را در آزمایش میاور، بلکه
از شریر ما را رهایی ده. زیرا ملکوت و قوت و جلالنا
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 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:*

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 the Sacrament or a
blessing approach the altar. All who are
baptised, as well as regular communicants from
other Christian denominations are welcome to
receive Holy Communion. Others are invited to
come forward for a blessing.*

*When all who wish have received holy
communion, there will be a time of stillness.
Then please stand with the president.
Let us pray.*

After a few moments of silent prayer.

Lord, we thank you
that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us
the memorial of your passion:
**grant us so to reverence
the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Please sit or kneel to join in:

**Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.**

**Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with us in converse blending,
Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.**

**At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.**

**Word-made-flesh, by word is making
Bread his very flesh to be;
Who in wine Christ's blood partaking,
And whose senses fail to see:
Faith alone their heart is waking
To behold the mystery.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is carried to the
Tabernacle, where it will be kept until
tomorrow.*

At the end of the procession please join in:
**Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one. Amen.**

*The altars are stripped, as the president and
others remain kneeling in watch by the Blessed
Sacrament. The church moves into darkness.*

The president leads the dismissal from in front of the tabernacle

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus prayed to the Father,

'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples,

How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour?

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Let us go in his peace.

The Lamentations of Jeremiah are sung as the altar is stripped.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her children have gone away, captives before the foe

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;

he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back; he has left me stunned, faint all day long.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears; for a comforter is far from me,

one to revive my courage; my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;

they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem.

'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty, the joy of all the earth?'

The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and gall.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence

when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

to give one's cheek to the smiter and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

As our service ends, the church goes into near darkness. All are welcome to stay for a time of silent prayer. Please leave the church quietly. The Gospel of the Watch is shown on the back of this leaflet.

The Gospel of the Watch

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

‘You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”’

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.’ Peter said to him,

‘Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’

And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, ‘My

Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;

yet not what I want but what you want.’

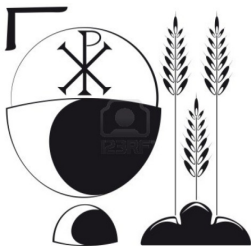
Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’

Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

‘My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.’

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’



Tomorrow, Good Friday:

The church will be open for silent prayer from noon.

1pm Meditation on the Lord's Passion

2pm The Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve:

2030: The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, Easter Day

1000 Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Resurrection