

Holy Innocents Fallowfield

St James' School Leavers' Eucharist *Tuesday July 20th 2021*

Welcome to the Leavers' Eucharist for St James' School.
Today we pay tribute to Year 6 who have come to the end of their time in the school and leave us to move on to secondary school.

Please join in all the parts of the service that are in **bold print**.

When you arrive in church please sit still and quietly as we wait for the service to begin.

When the bell rings please stand up. The priest introduces the service.

+ 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.

We keep a short silence to remember before God the times when we have done wrong things and the times we have failed to do good.

*You guide us along the right paths: **be with us when we fall***

*You are with us on every step of our journey: **guide us on our way***

*You are our source of hope and strength: **forgive us and turn us towards you.***

May God forgive us for the wrong we have done,

bring us pardon and peace and keep us in his love and care for ever. Amen.

Let us pray

The priest says a prayer. At the end of the prayer, we say: **Amen.**

Please sit down to hear a reading from St Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Love each other as brothers and sisters and honour others more than you do yourself. Never give up. Follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord.

Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying.

When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad.

Be friendly with everyone.

Don't be proud and feel that you are cleverer than others.

Make friends with ordinary people.

Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Please stand up. We hear a Gospel Acclamation – the choir sings Alleluia!

This is a reading from St Mark's Gospel:

One of the scribes asked Jesus: 'Which commandment is the first of all?'

Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",— this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Please sit down for a short reflection on the theme for today and on the readings.
Then the prayers are led by members of Year 6.

*For the church across the world, for all who preach and teach, that they may help us to grow in faith - we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For the leaders of our city, the nation, and the world, that they may always work for peace and for the health and wellbeing of all - we pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.*

*For our parents, teachers, and everyone else that has led and guided us on our journey to this day - we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*That each of us may do the best in school, at home, and in everything we do, using the gifts God has given us - we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For our family and friends who are close to our hearts, that God may bless them and keep them always - we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For the hungry, the homeless, the ill and the suffering, that they may find comfort, hope and strength - we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For all who have died, that they may find rest and peace, we pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Please STAND UP as the priest introduces the Peace.

*When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples he said "Peace be with you."
And so I say to you - may the peace of the Lord be always with you.*

And also with you.

We wave and smile and say 'peace be with you' to the people close to us.

The altar is prepared and the gifts of bread and wine are put out.
Please stay standing for the prayer of thanksgiving. Listen carefully for the times to join in!

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.



It is always right, wherever we are to give you thanks and praise;

God our Father, holy and strong, king for ever.....

.....And so we join on earth with all the saints and angels in heaven to say:

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.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus had a meal with his friends.

He took bread and broke it, and gave it to them saying:

“Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.”

After the meal was ended he took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, gave it to them and said: “Drink this all of you. This is my blood, the new covenant of God’s love. Do this to remember me.”

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Father, as we remember his death and resurrection.....

.....with the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Remember us Lord in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

The president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces and we all say:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

This is the food and drink for the journey;

The bread of life and the cup of salvation.

If you regularly receive communion in your church or would like to mark this special occasion by receiving communion, you are invited to do so here today. If you wish, you are also welcome to come out to receive a blessing.

When everyone has received communion or a blessing, there will be a time of silence, then please stand up.

Let us pray

We thank you, Lord, that you have invited us to your table, fed us and blessed us, united us with Jesus Christ, and given us a taste of the eternal food that you have prepared for everyone. Amen.

Please sit. Mr Shortall leads a short tribute to Year 6. Then we stand up to sing:

**One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you.**

And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.

**Round the corners of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see, you'll be looking at along with me.**

**As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know.**

**Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough.**

Leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you. Chorus....

**You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you. Chorus...**

Please stay standing for the blessing and dismissal:

Go out into the world in peace:

to live, to work, to play, to grow

Be brave and thoughtful, kind and caring

At home or on holiday, with everyone we meet.

*And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
rest upon you, now and for ever.*

Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We wish everyone a very happy summer holiday.

We hope that Year 6 pupils will keep this leaflet as a souvenir of this service and their time at St James' School and their visits to Holy Innocents Church.

We hope to see you again.