

HOLY INNOCENTS  
FALLOWFIELD

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The Sunday next before Lent



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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 by all. Hymns are heard, not sung. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand.

The 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.*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*God knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts. In sorrow for our sin, we turn to him for mercy and for grace.*

A time of silent prayer follows, then:

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.*

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

*May God forgive us our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in 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** 2 Kings 2.1-22

At the end:

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 50.1-6**

The Mighty God, with power speaks,  
and all the world obeys;  
from dawn until the setting sun,  
God's wonder earth displays.  
True beauty beams from Zion's hill,  
For there God's rule shines forth,  
and stars across the firmament  
so brightly beam their worth.

The heav'ns declare your justice, Lord,  
as endless as the sky;  
against the taunts of disbelief,

our God will testify.  
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks,  
God of love and might,  
refresh my faith with each new day;  
protect me through the night.

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the God of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation  
*Alleluia, alleluia: In farzande aziz- /e man ast, sokhanane ou ra /beshnavid.*

"این فرزند عزیز من است؛ سخنان او را بشنوید"

*(This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!)*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 9.2-9

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

**Glorify 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 PROFESSION OF FAITH:

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake**

**he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe  
in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Prayer of the Faithful. After each section:

*Lord, in your mercy:*

**hear our prayer.**

After the final section (for the departed) there will be a time of silent prayer.

At the end:

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

The president introduces THE PEACE:

*We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.*

All exchange a sign of peace as we hear:  
***Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of thine;  
The veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.***

***I see thee not, I hear thee not,  
Yet art thou oft with me;  
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I met with thee.***

***Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
Unseen, but not unknown.***

***When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
And still this throbbing heart,  
The rending veil shall thee reveal  
All glorious as thou art.***

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:

*.....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.**

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 sins 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 draw near to the altar. Those who are baptized, as well as 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, what remains of the consecrated bread will be placed in the tabernacle for the communion of those at home and there will be a time of silence. At the end of the silence all please stand with the President.

*Let us pray.*

After a moment of silent prayer.  
*Holy God, we see your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ:*

**may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know  
his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Please join in:

**Alleluia, song of sweetness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever raised by choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia cannot always  
be our song while here below;  
alleluia - our transgressions  
make us for a while forgo;  
for the solemn time is coming  
when our tears for sin must flow.**

**Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
grant us, blessed Trinity,  
at the last to keep thine Easter,  
in our home beyond the sky,  
there to thee for ever singing  
alleluia joyfully.**

PLEASE SIT for the announcements then STAND for the blessing and dismissal.  
*The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, 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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ASH WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.**

NEXT SUNDAY February 18<sup>th</sup>

The First Sunday of Lent

**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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