



Holy Innocents Kingsbury

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15th November 2020,
Second Sunday before
Advent, Year A

Welcome to Holy Innocents.

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If you would like someone to be mentioned in the prayers today please ask one of the ministers before the service begins.

Readings for today

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1: 7,12–18

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.¹² At that time I

Services Today

10.00am Said Eucharist

Church opens for private prayers

10am-11am Tuesday & Thursday

Next Sunday 22nd November

Christ the King

10.00am Said Eucharist

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34: 11–16, 20–24;

Psalms 95: 1–7; Ephesians 1: 15–23;

Matthew 25: 31–46

will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against

the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 90: 1-8

1 Lord, you have been our refuge ♦ from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, ♦ from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn us back to dust and say: ♦ 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦ which passes like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away like a dream; ♦ they fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦ in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; ♦ we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

8 You have set our misdeeds before you ♦ and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1–11

A reading from the first letter Paul to the Thessalonians.

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25: 14–30).

Glory to you O Lord

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."²³ His master said to him, "Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Notices

Kingsbury High School would like to invite you to join in with the 'Donate Your Words' campaign which has been set up by Cadbury's and the Age UK charity to raise awareness for the UK's loneliness epidemic. Please let Judy Hubert know if you're interested.

Mother's Union 2021 subs are now due. They have gone up to £32 next year so I suggest all members pay £30 and we will pay the £2 from our funds. If anyone has a problem please speak to me. Cheques for £30 payable to **Mother's Union Holy Innocents** If I am not in church please give the cheques to Pat Smith or Marvo Reid. Thanks Liz

The Church will be open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10.00am to 11.00am for private prayers. Sunday service will be broadcast live on zoom.

*If you are **ill or in hospital** please let us know if possible so that the church community can pray for you and we can be in touch. Contact Carl Berry or any member of the ministry team.*

In addition to direct debit, just giving and bank transfers, normal donations of cheques, cash and numbered envelopes will still gratefully be received. Please place them in the collection box at the back of the church.

For your prayers

The sick & those recovering from surgery: Cynthia, Ann, Phyllis B, Dorothy, Diana L, Desmond, Keith.

Others in need of prayer: Rose; Stewart; Germaine, Sarah, Jackie, Jack, Emma, Marian, Rebecca, Tia, Bernard.

Anniversary of death: Joan Thomas; Eileen Bevann.

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