



Holy Innocents Kingsbury

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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 & Hymns for today

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31: 15-17

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping,

Services Today

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Services this week

Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

Next Sunday 3rd January

Second Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Said Eucharist

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 1: 1–5; Psalm 29;

Acts 19: 1–7; Mark 1: 4–11

and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 124

- 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ◆ now may Israel say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, ◆ when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us alive ◆ when their anger burned against us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; ◆ over our soul would have swept the raging waters.**

5 But blessed be the Lord ♦ who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

6 **Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦ the snare is broken and we are delivered.**

7 Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦ who has made heaven and earth.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1: 26-29

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

1. Holy Innocents today

We remember, so we pray

For our Church that bears the name

Of those martyrs without blame.

2. Herod's orders, blood and strife

Sacrifice of newborn life;

Though the vengeance died away

Rachael's' weeping still today.

**3. We are all your children, Lord;
On us may your grace be poured.**

**Those who suffer, those in pain
Heal, forgive, restore again.**

**4. Jesus enter and come in
Free us from the power of sin;**

**Let us like a child receive
Your forgiveness and believe.**

5. On this happy, hopeful Day

For our church here Lord we pray;

Holy Innocents who died

Now with thee are glorified.

Words by Pam Carter

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew (2: 13-18)*.

Glory to you O Lord

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the

wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Notices

Please support and donate to the Children Society using this

link: <https://thyg.uk/CUS050562>.

The church is now open on Sunday for Eucharist, Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Eucharist on Thursday until further notice. Sunday service will still be on zoom.

Masks must be worn in Church.

*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.*

Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we who have received these gifts of your passion rejoice in celebrating the witness of the Holy Innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

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: Paul; Gill; Zoe; Adam; Rose; Stewart; Germaine, Sarah, Jackie, Jack, Emma, Marian, Rebecca, Tia, Bernard.

Anniversary of death: Doris Seth; Reg Varney; Rosina Foster; Charles Hackworth; Doris Moull; Margaret Thavemoney.

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