



# 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 for today**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 8: 26–40*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from

### **Services Today**

10.00am Said Eucharist

### **Services this week**

Tuesday 10.00 am Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

### **Next Sunday 9th May**

#### **Easter 6**

10.00am Said Eucharist

#### **Next Week's Readings**

Acts 10: 44–48; Psalm 98;

1 John 5: 1–6; John 15: 9–17

Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'<sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his

generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’<sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.<sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’<sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.<sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 22: 25-31**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦ I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the

Lord, ♦ and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**28 For the kingdom is the Lord’s ♦ and he rules over the nations.**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦ or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

**30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦ this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦ declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

### **SECOND READING**

*1 John 4: 7 – 21*

A reading from the first letter of John.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.<sup>9</sup>God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.<sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL READING**

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John (15: 1–8)*.

**Glory to you O Lord**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**If you are unable to receive the bread**  
and the wine you may wish to use this Prayer of Spiritual Communion instead.

**Almighty God**

**In union with the faithful at every altar of your church,**

**Where your blessed body and blood  
are being offered to the Father,  
I desire to offer you praise and  
thanksgiving**

**I present to you my soul and body,  
With the earnest wish that I may ever  
be united to you.**

**And since I now cannot receive you  
sacramentally,**

**I ask you to come spiritually into my  
heart,**

**I unite myself to you.**

**And embrace you with all the  
affections of my soul.**

**Let nothing ever separate me from  
you.**

**Let me live and die in your love  
Amen**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

#### *The Dismissal*

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

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### **Notices**

#### **Date to remember**

Dear all, as you know that we have appointed a new Vicar Rev. Sophie for the Parish. Her induction and installation is on 17th of June 2021 @ 8:00 pm here in the Church. We will broadcast the ceremony on Facebook and Zoom as well for those who will be unable to join us here in the Church. More details will be communicated in due course.

**Readings for Morning Prayer** Acts 14: 9–end; Psalm 145: 10–end; John 14: 27–end

**Readings for Thursday Eucharist** Acts 15: 7–21; Psalm 96: 1–3, 7–10; John 15: 9–11

#### **For your prayers**

**The sick & those recovering from surgery:** Robin; Dennis; Cynthia, Ann, Phyllis B, Dorothy, Desmond, Keith.

**Others in need of prayer:** Jackie; Bobbie; Paul; Zoe; Adam; Rose; Sarah, Jack, Rebecca, Tia.

**Anniversary of death:** Wilfred Rivett; Joan Besham; John Harris; Joseph Fidler; Alexander Locke.

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