



**HOLY INNOCENTS
KINGSBURY
EASTER 2
12TH APRIL 2026**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Holy Innocents.

To use the loop system, switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Please stand to sing when the hymn begins.

SERVICES TODAY

10.00am Eucharist

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer & coffee

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist followed by coffee

NEXT SUNDAY 19TH APRIL – EASTER 3

10.00am Eucharist

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2.14a, 36–41; Luke 24.13–35

Processional hymn:

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.**
- 3 But the pains that he endured Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; Alleluia,
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,
where the angels ever sing Alleluia.**

Lyra Davidica, 1708 and others (AM205)



WE GATHER

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 CONFESS

We take a moment to remember the ways in which our words, actions and thoughts have separated us from God and from each other.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**



Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**



May the God of grace, who loves all that he has made, and in Christ welcomes home all who come to him, heal our brokenness, forgive us our sins and return us to a life of justice, mercy and simplicity.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT *(a special prayer for today)*

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.



WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Please sit as we listen to a reading from the Bible

FIRST READING (Acts 2.14a, 22-32)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

²⁹ ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing

Gradual hymn:

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,

thinking that he never would awake again,

laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

**3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**4 When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

*John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)
AM212*

GOSPEL READING (*John 20.19-31*)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord; **Praise to you, O Christ.**



TALK

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

Please stand as we affirm our faith in God: the Father who made us and loves us; Jesus Christ his Son, who came among us to reveal that love; and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us and enables us to share God's love with others:

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



WE PRAY

Please sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, the local community, those who suffer and those who have died.

This response may be used:

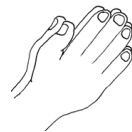
Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father:

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



THE PEACE

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Please stand as we share the peace



OFFERTORY HYMN:

During this hymn there may be a collection for the work of the church; please give as generously as you can

**1 And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for
me?**

**2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.**

**3 He left his Father's throne above --
so free, so infinite his grace --
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with
light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ,
my own.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
AM 588*

WE SHARE IN COMMUNION (THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER)

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.

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ, and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:

**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.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'



After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we remember his death and resurrection, we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we thank you for counting us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. Pour your Holy Spirit on us that we may live as children of your heavenly kingdom. Help us to love one another, as we work for the peace of the earth, and wait for Jesus to come in glory.

For all honour and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray, in our first language, with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

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 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.

All are welcome; if you usually receive communion you are welcome to receive here.

If you have not received communion (the bread/wine) before, or you do not wish to do so today, please do still come forward and carry this service book or bow your

head and the priest will pray a blessing for you instead.

Please sit while you wait to come forward and after returning to your seat.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ

you have assured your children of eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with him:

deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

NOTICES

WE GO OUT

Please stand for the blessing, final hymn and dismissal.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

- 1 **Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.**
- 2 **Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling
breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.**
- 3 **Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.**
- 4 **Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.**
- 5 **Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.**

*Stuart Dauermann (b.1944)
based on Isaiah 55.12
AM484*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

All are welcome to stay for tea or coffee after the service.



NOTICES

Birthday Song

Happy Birthday to you,
Dear Jesus loves you,
God's mercies and blessings
Rain down upon you

Annual Church Meeting and Electoral Roll:

In preparation for our Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 10th May after the 10am service, the Electoral Roll is being revised. You have until 23rd April to check that you are on the Electoral Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to participate in the voting at the Annual Church Meeting; voting for church wardens, and members of the Church Committees. You can only stand for those positions if you are on the Roll. Please email or speak to Sophie or Dianna if you are unsure and they will let you know. If you are not on the Roll, but you would like to join then please email or ask Dianna for a form (kingsbury.holy.innocents@gmail.com) and return it to her before 22nd April.

The Parochial Church Council - PCC is the governing body of a parish church and is a team made up of members of the clergy and lay members of the church. Together they are responsible for the overall well-being, practical as well as spiritual, of our church, the church members, and the church buildings. The PCC also has a duty to promote the mission of the church within the wider community.

So what skills do I need to be a member of the PCC? You may well ask?!

Skills may be too prescriptive, it is better perhaps to say that someone interested in becoming a member of the PCC will be:

- A committed member of the congregation.

- Interested in and involved with the life of the church and the local community.
- Willing to learn and to share ideas, experience and gifts.
- Caring.
- Able to listen to another's point of view.

If you wish to know more about participating in the life of Holy Innocents by serving on the PCC then please speak with Sophie or any of the current members of the PCC.

Parish Giving Scheme: The ministry and mission of Holy Innocents is funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it and continuing that ministry and mission is reliant on donations. Thank you to all those who give what they can; without your support and generosity we could not continue to be a church in this place. As part of our stewardship we have joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which is a scheme the Diocese of London supports. You will see notices and leaflets about the PGS in the church and can find out about the Parish Giving Scheme here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/kingsbury-holy-innocents-london/> or using the QR code below.

Parish Giving Scheme for Holy Innocents Kingsbury



Donations for Brent Foodbank; We are collecting items for Brent Foodbank – there is a list by the box in the Narthex. Please do bring along donations as you can.

HI Bookclub; New members very welcome to join the monthly meeting to chat about books. This month’s book is “The Bastard of Istanbul” by Elif Shafak. The next meeting will be on Monday 13th April at 2.30pm hosted by Liz. Please do speak to Liz if you would like to join.

For your prayers; Mohamed Tuba family; Juliet; Martin; Ivy; Phyllis; Marylin; Coral; Robin; Ann; Desmond; Heather; Carolyn P.

Anniversary of death: Robert Dolton; Frank Tinker; Margaret Salmon; Thomas Hobday; Thomas Whatton; Gladys Gilbert; William Higgins; Mabel Long; John Stewart.

Diary of upcoming events:

Day	Date	Time	EVENT	Place
Tues	21 st April	11am-1pm	TIME TO SEW – BRING YOUR OWN	Church
Wed	22 nd April	7-9pm	BIBLE STUDY <i>Time to read and study the Bible together. We will start with food so please let Sophie know if you can come along.</i>	Church
Sun	10 th May	11am	ANNUAL CHURCH PAROCHIAL MEETING	Church
Tues	19 th May	7-9pm	BIBLE STUDY	Church
Sat	23 rd May	10am-12.30pm	SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (BASIC) <i>Basic Training – particularly for those whose roles in the church require this but everyone is welcome.</i>	Church
Sat	30 th May	11am-2pm	MAY MARKET	Church Hall
Thurs	11 th June	7-9pm	BIBLE STUDY	Church
Sat	13 th June	10am-12.30pm	SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (FOUNDATION) <i>Foundation Training – particularly for those whose roles in the church require this but everyone is welcome.</i>	Church
Sun	27 th Sept	10am	EUCCHARIST WITH CONFIRMATION	Church

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