

Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

13th September 2020

Words of welcome

Hymn (for online service)

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

Please remain seated throughout the service.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you: **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of God's kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**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

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading: Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass

judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Laudate Dominum

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One

From the Northumbrian Community

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ
and we share Christ's peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*Please stay seated. We share the peace with a simple bow or wave
to those around us*

Music: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Bells are rung

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Bells are rung

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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 Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
As our saviour taught us, so we pray.
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

We say

**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.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Communion will be administered in silence. Please remain seated while we bring communion to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, the priest will pray a silent blessing instead – please clearly hold this service booklet to indicate this.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

To be said by those unable to receive communion – or you may wish to say a personal prayer of your own.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn (for online service)

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and when there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy. Refrain

Make me a channel of your peace.
For when we give we will ourselves receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and in dying that we gain eternal life.

The Blessing

This or another blessing is used

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

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

Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it.

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Notices

Face Coverings in Church

Face coverings are now required to be worn in church unless you are legally exempt. We have disposable masks available if you forget, but please remember to bring one if you can. Each time you wear a face covering, you could remember to pray for healthcare workers and those who have to wear them for long periods of time whilst working.

The Parish Office and Notices

Please note the Parish Office is now closed and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 22nd September.

APCM Date: Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm

Please note the new date for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting: **Wednesday 21st October**, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, postponed from April. This meeting will be held online, via Zoom, and is open to all on the electoral roll. At this meeting, we formally appoint our churchwardens for the next year, elect new members to PCC and deanery synod, and say farewell to retiring members. We also review and give thanks for the year that has passed (in this case, 2019!), celebrate all we are as a church community, and seek God's direction for the future.

We have had some nominations for PCC (though nominations remain open), but another way to be on PCC is to be a deanery synod rep, and we currently have two vacancies for this. Please consider whether you might join, and do speak to Laura or our existing synod representatives (Flora Alexander, Margaret Woodcock, Felicity Wallendszus, Sheila Allcock) to find out more about what's involved.

If you would like to stand for PCC or Deanery Synod, please contact PCC secretary Felicity Wallendszus (felicity.hthq@gmail.com). It would be helpful to have nominations by October 12th. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to join, please contact electoral roll officer Joan Jones (electoralroll@hthq.uk).

Further details will be posted on the church website and noticeboards in the coming weeks.

Children in church

We have loved seeing children in church over the past weeks and we are sorry that our regular children's activities have been put on hold at the moment, though we hope to plan some activities in due course. We try each week to provide an activity sheet and colouring pencils for children who come to church with their parents or carers,

and we are also going to try offering a very short children's sermon in addition to the 'adult' sermon. (We hope the adults will enjoy this too!). It helps if you can let us know in advance (on the doodle poll) that you will be bringing children along to the service, so we can plan the seating to make sure you feel comfortable in church.

Harvest Festival: October 4th

We hope to hold our harvest festival celebrations on Sunday October 4th, which is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We plan to hold two traditional communion services (9.30am and 10.45am) and our first outdoor forest church for children and families (3pm). Attendance will need to be booked in advance for all of these, to ensure safety. More details will follow, along with information about harvest donations.

Children's Outdoor Worship

We would like to run some outdoor 'forest church' Sunday services for children and families, using the vicarage wood, and we would like to form a team to help plan and run these services. Please contact Laura (vicar@hthq.uk) if you would like to get involved! We are hoping to hold the first service on Sunday October 4th at 3pm.

Prayers for Hope and Healing

This prayer meeting will continue fortnightly on a Thursday evening—the next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September at 8.30pm. Please let Laura know if you would like to lead a session and/or offer technical assistance to help explore the creative prayer possibilities of Zoom!

Church Building Development

The planning application for our building development is now awaiting a decision from the council. Please keep this process in your prayers in the coming weeks. Here is a prayer you could use:

God of endless possibilities
We give you thanks for our church building:
for its rich heritage;
for those who built and founded it;
for those who have worshipped here over the years.

We commit to you our plans to adapt the building:
For wisdom as we seek to know your will
For healing as we acknowledge the divisions of the past
For vision as we see our plans with fresh eyes.
For the resources, people and ideas that we need to complete
the plans.
Enable our building truly to be an open door
between heaven and earth,
showing God's love to all.
We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ
our cornerstone and foundation.
Amen.

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showing God's love to all.*

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