

# Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn**

Praise to the Holiest in the height  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

*Please remain seated throughout the service.*

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

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

**The Greeting**

## 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*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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***

### **Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3.10-4.11**

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways,  
God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would  
bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** – Taize, The Kingdom of God

### **Gospel Reading**

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

**Gospel reading: Matthew 20. 1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

**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*

**Anthem** – Byrd, 'Sing Joyfully'

### **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**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through 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**

Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Zion, city of our God.  
He, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them when they pray.

## **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**

### **Covid-19 guidance**

The new 'rule of six' came into law on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Places of worship are exempt, which means that we can still accommodate more than six people in our building for public worship in accordance with our risk assessment. But please take care, especially when you arrive and leave the building, not to mingle in groups bigger than six and always maintain social distancing with those outside your household.

Please also remember that 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 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **Music in church**

We welcome the new guidance about resuming live music in church, and Rosie is planning some choral and instrumental music to enhance our worship in the coming weeks.

### **APCM Date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7.30pm**

Please note the new date for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting: **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, postponed from April. This meeting will be held online, via Zoom. 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](mailto:felicity.hthq@gmail.com)). It would be helpful to have nominations by October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are not currently on the electoral roll and would like to join, please contact electoral roll officer Joan Jones ([electoralroll@hthq.uk](mailto: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 brief child-friendly 'summary' sermon in addition to the 'adult' sermon. 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.

## **Macmillan Cancer Support**

September 25th is the designated day for "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" to raise fund for Macmillan Cancer Support. As it will be not be possible to hold a coffee morning this year, Sheila Allcock

asks us to remember the need for this charity, probably even more in the current circumstances, and asks people to contribute directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

### **Harvest Festival: October 4<sup>th</sup>**

We hope to hold our harvest festival celebrations on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, which is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We plan to hold our 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. Harvest donations are to the Oxford community emergency food bank, who ask for donations of money rather than food. There is a donations page on our church website.

### **Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

This prayer meeting will continue fortnightly on a Thursday evening—the next meeting will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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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