

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Bible Sunday  
Last Sunday of Trinity  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*Words of welcome*

**Hymn**

Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
Let There Be Light!

Saviour who came to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
Let There Be Light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
life giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
Let There Be Light!

Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
Let There Be Light!

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

The word of God is living and active.  
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him  
to whom we give account.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*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*

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **Old Testament Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must

forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel reading: Matthew 24.30-35**

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

**Sermon**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

*Please stand*

**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*

*Please sit*

**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**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

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

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**Anthem** – Lead me Lord, Wesley

Lord Jesus,  
you nourish us at the table of your word  
and the table of your sacrament;  
as we feed on you, the bread of life,  
may we daily grow into your likeness.

**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 after Communion**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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**

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,  
lead thou me on;  
the night is dark, and I am far from home;  
lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayer that thou  
shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
lead thou me on.  
I love the garish day, and, spite of fear,  
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
will lead me on,  
o'er moon and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
the night is gone,  
and with the morn those angel faces smile,  
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

### **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**

### **NHS Covid-19 App**

If you have the NHS Covid-19 App, please 'check in' to the church building using the QR code at the door when you come on Sundays or in the week.

### **Reflections on Mission in Covid Times**

Over the next few weeks, we will be seeking God's wisdom as we reflect on what we have been learning about mission during this time of pandemic. Rob draws this series of reflections to a close today with a sermon linked to the third mark of mission: to respond to human need in loving service. We hope to continue this process of reflection by canvassing our own views on mission through a questionnaire.

### **Abseil for Christian Aid**

Our Lay Minister Joan Walding took up the challenge! Joan successfully abseiled off the tower at St Mary Magdalen on Saturday and has raised over £1,200. Congratulations to Joan and thank you to everyone who sponsored her for Christian Aid.

### **All Soul Service**

The All Souls Service will be at 6pm on Sunday November 1st, and Helen will be coordinating the bookings for this service, giving priority to those who have lost loved ones recently. Please contact Helen if you would like to attend the service, and we will confirm your place nearer the time. If you would like us to remember any departed loved ones by name at the service, please fill out the online form or contact Helen if not online: <https://www.hthq.uk/all-souls-day-2020/>

If you are not attending the service but would like to come earlier in the day to

light a candle to remember someone, please come any time between 2pm-5pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, when candles will be available to light and will stay lit for the service.

### **Forest Church**

Our November forest church services will be on **Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 3pm. The two services will have the same content, but we are holding two as a way of managing the demand, so we ask families please to sign up for one of those dates.

### **Morning Prayer**

Please note there will be no morning prayer service on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – the services will resume again on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Appeal**

We will be marking Remembrance Sunday on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, with two services at the usual times of 9.30am and 10.45am. Please sign up in the usual way. We will hold the act of remembrance inside the church this year. The wreath will be laid at the memorial shortly after each service.

Owing to the pandemic, it is not feasible to sell poppies at the back of church this year. However you should still find poppies for sale in some shops and supermarkets, or by searching online for “British Legion Poppies in the post”. You need to order these before 31 October. White poppies can also be bought online from the Peace Pledge Union website.

### **Oxford’s Christmas Light Festival**

Please see <https://www.oxlightfest.com/> for more information about the Christmas Light Festival taking place throughout the city on **November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please do get creative by making something illuminated to share online, or making a local light trail, or writing a message of hope and inspiration. We are hoping to install an outdoor Christmas tree in the churchyard as part of the festival. ‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it’ (John 1.5).

### **Zoom Book Club: Compassion**

Magdalene Sacranie from the UK Task Force on Compassion will be running a Zoom book club discussing Karen Armstrong’s *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. This will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Please let Laura know (vicar@hthq.uk) if you would like to sign up.

### **Soul Space on C.S. Lewis.**

Two Soul Space episodes exploring C.S. Lewis - his life, ideas and connection to our church—are available to listen to online. You can listen on the church website, or Radio Cherwell (broadcast times are 7.30am on Sundays, 8pm on Tuesdays, 1pm on Fridays). Thank you to Mike and Ruth Wooldridge for this

initiative, and to Mike for offering his time and expert broadcasting skills in the production of these programmes.

### **Readings and Intercessions for Sunday worship**

Please let Helen know ([office@hthq.uk](mailto:office@hthq.uk)) if you would like to volunteer to read or lead intercessions on a Sunday morning or to do just the first reading on a particular Sunday. The same person or members of the same household will need to do the first reading and lead the intercessions.

### **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

*An open door between heaven and earth,  
showing God's love to all.*

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