

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Harvest Festival

St Francis' Day

4th October 2020, 10.00am

The Gathering

Words of welcome and parish prayer

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storm begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to your final harvest home;
gather thou your people in
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in Your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Opening Responses

Please sit

From the rising of the Sun to its going down
the name of the Lord be praised.

Lord of the heavens, for the wonder of Creation
we praise you

Lord of all nations, for the richness and variety of our harvest
we praise you

Lord of all our lives, for the power and promise of your love
we praise you.

**Lord of this place, we give you thanks
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life.
Amen**

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 our Creator, in the pure light of your love we
confess our many sins and seek your forgiveness.

Silence is kept

We are sorry that, through our indifference and
short-sightedness, the beauty of your creation is
marred and disfigured:
forgive us and help us

We are sorry that, through our anger and intolerance,
your call to love and peace is ignored and distorted:
forgive us and help us

We are sorry that, through our selfishness and greed,
your world of plenty and diversity is divided and hungry:
forgive us and help us

We are sorry that, through our apathy and complacency, your message of hope and compassion is drowned out and ignored:
forgive us and help us

May almighty God forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us 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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love

Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

*Oh 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, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek

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

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Gospel reading: Luke 6:13-31

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the

things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

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

Please sit

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

Please stand

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

*Please stay in your place, sharing the peace with those around you
with a bow or wave.*

Please sit

Anthem – For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing or sit or kneel

The Eucharistic Prayer E

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 indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field,
the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,
and your kingdom comes.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no
more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us ...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest:
our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us ...

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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 14th 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.

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

Our church's mission has changed radically in response to the pandemic: with online services, increased communication, prayer meetings, stronger links with our neighbours and the local council, and in many other ways. There is much that is new and emerging, but also things that we have had to pause or let go of. Over the next few weeks, we will be engaging in a process of discernment, seeking God's wisdom as we reflect on what we have been learning during this time of pandemic. We will be using a

reflection tool from Oxford Diocese, Emerging from Coronavirus, which is based around the Five Marks of Mission. Our sermons over the next five weeks will focus on each mark of mission, and we will be providing questionnaires to fill out to help feed into this process of reflection. Laura's sermon today will connect with the fifth mark of mission: to safeguard the integrity of creation.

Soul Space on C.S. Lewis The two Soul Space episodes exploring C.S. Lewis - his life, ideas and connection to our church—are available to listen to online. The programmes include extracts from Lewis's own original 'Mere Christianity' broadcasts on the BBC World Service, and a very moving interview with his stepson Douglas Gresham. 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.

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.

Harvest Festival: October 4th

We are excited to celebrate harvest today. Please pray for the afternoon forest church for children and families! 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.

APCM: 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. 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. Nominations for PCC and deanery remain open and we are particularly looking for one new deanery synod rep. The annual trustees report and church activities booklet is now available on our parish website. Please contact Helen (office@hthq.uk) to request a printed copy of the activities booklet.

Churchyard Work Party There will be a churchyard work party on **Saturday, October 14th at 10am**. Would anyone who would like to help please ring Susan Houlton beforehand so that we can make sure we do not have more than the 6 people we are allowed. We must ask helpers to bring their own hand tools, and if anyone can manage to bring a digging

spade and fork for their own use, this would be useful. This will be the last work party of the year.

Macmillan Thank you to those of you who donated to Macmillan Cancer Support last week. In addition to those of you who made direct donations, the collection at church raised £40.

Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursday 8th October This prayer meeting will continue fortnightly on a Thursday evening—the next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October 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.

Morning Prayer: Morning prayer will resume at 9am on Mondays only to begin with. We will meet in the Chancel – please bring your own Bible (or Bible App!)

Church Building Development We anticipate taking part in a council planning meeting before the final decision on October 27th. Please keep this process in your prayers in the coming weeks.

Abseil for Christian Aid

Christian Aid are arranging a sponsored abseil from the tower of Mary Magdalen church in Oxford on Saturday 17th October, and Joan Walding is going to be taking up the challenge! More details about sponsorship to follow.

Readings and Intercessions for Sunday worship Please let Helen know (office@hthq.uk) if you would like to volunteer to read and lead intercessions on a Sunday morning starting on October 4th. The same person or members of the same household will need to do the first reading and lead the intercessions. We can provide set intercessions as needed.

Shared knitting and crochet (Headington)

sharedknitting@gmail.com or 01865 738942

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WE ARE STILL KNITTING

- We are still able to send woolly goods to Syria, JR Neonatal Unit, Dementia Services at the JR, The Porch, Oxford Baby Bank, and Knit for Peace
- Gifts of yarn (any type or colour) welcome.
- Yarn delivery to Members on request
- Contact us for updated plans as the situation allows

Asylum Welcome A message from Zig Nowicki: Asylum Welcome are now open for donations again, so please leave donations of foodstuff, toiletries and nappies in the box with the purple lid at the back of the church

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

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To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,

Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too –
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

John Keats (1795-1821)