

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Dedication Festival
22nd November 2020

Welcome and parish prayer

I was glad when they said to me:
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Psalm 122.1

Hymn

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:
All are welcome ...

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:
All are welcome ...

The Greeting

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.

Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,
God has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him,
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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 be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great I AM, the Three-in-One:
glory, glory,
glory, glory,
while eternal ages run!

Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations,
Heaven and Earth, your praises bring:
glory, glory,
glory, glory,
to the King of glory bring!

'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
Thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
Thus its praise creation brings:
glory, glory,
glory, glory,
glory to the King of kings!

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

The Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of
prayer: we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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: 1 Kings 8.22-30

Read by Revd Prof Rob Gilbert, Associate Priest HTHQ

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Jubilato Deo (Ps 100), William Kethe (1550-1594)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7. 24-28

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

'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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

Sermon

The Archdeacon of Oxford
The Venerable Jonathan Chaffey

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by Tyson Rallens, Warden of The Kilns

The following response is used:

Lord of the church
receive our thanks and prayer.

And at the end

O God, from living stones
you prepare an everlasting dwelling.
Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit
those who serve you here in this church
may always be kept within your presence.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.
Peace to this house from God's Son who is our peace.
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
In love may dwell with Thee.

S.J. Stone (1886)

Taking of the bread and wine

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.

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.**

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.**

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.**

The president receives the bread and wine, as people join in from their homes.

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

Anthem: Locus Iste, Anton Bruckner (1869)

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Marty Haugen (1950), © 1982 GIA Publications

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate 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

Organ Music

Little Prelude and Fugue in F Major, J.S. Bach, BWV556
recorded by Rosie Tweddle, Music Director at HTHQ

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Notices

New Lockdown

Communal worship is not currently permitted during the new lockdown, but we will continue to broadcast audio services on Radio Cherwell and our parish website, and our church building will remain open for private prayer and for funeral services. We are asked to devote these four weeks to prayer, joining together in prayer at 6pm every day – resources are on the Church of England website and will be shared round our parish WhatsApp group. If you can, please light a candle in your window at 6pm daily as a sign of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

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Advent and Christmas plan

We are busy working on plans to mark Advent and Christmas, and will announce more details on Advent Sunday, 29th November. We will hold two online services to mark Advent Sunday: an Advent Carol Service and a Eucharist. Advent is a time of prayerful preparation for the coming of Our Lord, and in due course we will share further resources to aid us in our Advent devotions.

Building Project News

On Wednesday 4th November, Oxford City Council approved our planning application for the church extension, a resubmission of the original plans approved in 2016. At the meeting, council members spoke positively about the sensitive design of the extension, and about supporting our clear need for better facilities and accessibility. Jennifer Carpenter spoke against the plans on behalf of the Holy Trinity Preservation Group, and concerns were raised about the need to protect existing graves and the possibility of unmarked graves underneath the new extension. Laura assured the committee that we will deal sensitively with these concerns, which are also addressed in the faculty permission, and asks you to continue to pray for the project as we move forwards positively and peacefully.

The PCC are now discussing a proposal to phase the building project, which means that the interior lighting work and other electrical rewiring would take place first, before the extension and other reordering work. The proposed new lighting design from Light Perceptions Ltd can be viewed on the church website.

PCC Meeting

The PCC will meet on Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm via Zoom. We cannot leave approved minutes of meetings at the back of church any more, but anyone on the electoral roll is welcome to view minutes that have been approved and deemed non-confidential, and can request these electronically from the PCC secretary (felicity.hthq@gmail.com) or in paper copy from the parish office.

Community Carols

We are currently exploring whether it would be possible to do some outdoor carol singing at set locations around the parish, in collaboration with other churches. A lot depends on the Covid-19 guidance that will be in place at the time, but we have provisionally set at date of **Monday 21st December at 5pm**. More information to follow!

Care Groups

As we approach what looks like set to be a difficult winter, we are forming a network of care groups within the church community. Group members will be asked to pray for one another, and also to provide practical support to one another if necessary. You should hear about your group in the coming weeks, and if you don't wish to be part of this scheme, please just let Laura know.

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 20th-22nd**. 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. Do take a look at the outdoor Christmas tree we have installed in the churchyard as part of the festival. 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1.5).

November Newsletter

The latest newsletter has been sent to those on the mailing list and can be viewed here: <https://www.hthq.uk/newsletter/>

Prayers for Hope and Healing

Our fortnightly contemplative prayer gathering will continue on Thursday 3rd December at 8.30pm on Zoom.

Morning Prayer

We will now meet via Zoom at 9am on Mondays.

More Tea Vicar

Please join Laura for a Zoom cup of tea and chat every Wednesday at 3pm.

Amnesty International

Although we cannot gather this year to write Amnesty greetings cards, we invite you to visit the Amnesty website to participate in the campaigns online:
<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights>

Welcome to Placement Students

We are delighted to welcome Ninus Khako and Ash David, from Ripon College Cuddesdon, as placement students this year. We look forward to getting to know them and supporting them on their journey towards ordination.

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

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