

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Remembrance Sunday
8th November 2020

Welcome and parish prayer

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

The Greeting

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

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

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 forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
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

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

John 15: 12-17

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 in God the Father,
from whom every family**

in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

**who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Concluding with:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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

Preparation of the Table

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

As bread and wine are raised:

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

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

Please sit or kneel

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.**

Agnus Dei

**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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president receives communion whilst people join in from their homes.

Anthem Guest, For the Fallen

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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and
nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance

We remember with thanksgiving all those whose lives, in world wars and in conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

In particular we remember all those in this parish who have given their lives in the two World Wars, and pray that we may be worthy of the sacrifices made on our behalf.

The names of those from Headington Quarry who died in the two World Wars are read out.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post is played

Silence is kept

The Reveille is played

The Kohima Epitaph is said

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living
and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all
people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.
Amen.

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

The Blessing

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to all humanity, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Music

Hymn for the fallen, John Williams

Nimrod, Edward Elgar, recorded by Rosie Tweddle

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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.

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.

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 any 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. 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).

November Newsletter

We will send this out in the coming week, and it will also appear on the website. If you would like to receive the newsletter in your email inbox, please sign up via this link: <https://www.hthq.uk/newsletter/>

Prayers for Hope and Healing

Our fortnightly contemplative prayer gathering will continue on Thursday 19th November 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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showing God's love to all.*

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