

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry

A Journey  through Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

21st March 2021

The Gathering

Welcome and parish prayer

Hymn

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring,
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

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

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the

house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

Gospel reading: John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon

Ash David, Ordinand at Ripon College, Cuddesdon

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement give.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself;
and, by his suffering and death,
became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
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.**

**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.

Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
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

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes thy strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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.

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Resuming public worship

We are looking forward to resuming public worship on Palm Sunday! There will be two Eucharist services: an evening service on **Saturday 27th March at 6pm** and a morning service on **Sunday 28th March at 10am**. Please note the new times for both services, and the new Saturday evening service, which will be similar in format to the Sunday service, but without music. Booking details are available for these services. Details of other Holy Week and Easter services will follow early this week.

Zoom Coffee after Church: Today! Sunday 21st March, 11am

Please join us on Zoom to say farewell to our placement students, who will be finishing their placements on **Sunday 21st March at 11am**. This will include a chance to chat to one another in breakout groups, and we will finish by 11.30am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81866990406?pwd=NWE4NEFJT2pOL01STDlXVVg5amduUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 6699 0406

Passcode: 887046

National Day of Prayer and Reflection: Tuesday 23rd March

Tuesday March 23rd marks one year since the first coronavirus Lockdown, and we are asked to mark this with a day of prayer and reflection. Please take a minute's silence at 12noon to remember all those who have died and all who are bereaved, and we invite you to light a candle of hope in your window at 8pm. The church bells will be rung to mark the minute's silence. If you can, please reach out and connect with someone you know who may be struggling at this present time.

Parish Quiz Night: Thursday 25th March

Please join us for our first ever virtual parish quiz night, thanks to Roz and Paul Rogers. Please Zoom in from 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

Topic: Parish Quiz Night

Time: Mar 25, 2021 07:15 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86596876024?pwd=Kzk5TGsxdlNjdU9zLzE2TnVKZzJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 865 9687 6024

Passcode: 892768

More Tea Vicar

More Tea Vicar is back! Join Revd Laura for a cup of tea and a chat, on **Wednesdays at 3pm**. The last weekly meeting will be this Wednesday, 24th March.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88286071662?pwd=dmlYSGZ2UjFKSFRxY21Qb3hwUGd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 882 8607 1662

Passcode: 273957

Eco Church Resources

The Eco Team have put together a list of interesting webinars on environmental issues from various sources, including the Church of England and the Oxford Martin School (part of Oxford University) – see below. Some are on church issues and others are of more general interest. Please see this link for more details:

<https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

Electrical Works

Let there be light! The electrical work is continuing in church, and set to be complete by the end of March. Please pray for the contractors and all involved with our building project as we begin this first phase, and plan for the next:

*Eternal God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
Bless the work that will be taking place over the coming weeks
May the contractors work safely and diligently.
May the work that takes place be done
to the glory and honour of your name,
that all who visit this house of prayer,
may be drawn out of darkness into your marvellous light.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Morning Prayer: Weekly on Mondays at 9am

A chance to pause for prayer at the beginning of the week. The focus for prayer will be the psalms, which offer ancient wisdom for contemporary times.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782891843?pwd=S25BN0E3QUF6aXk5cHBETktaRmhlZ09>

Meeting ID: 867 8289 1843

Passcode: 309879

Lent at HTHQ

Here are more details about services, groups and resources for Lent:

Lent Family Calendar

Produced by Roots, who provide resources for children and families, you may wish to follow this calendar at home over the weeks of Lent: with daily actions and reflections for the whole family.

‘For such a time as this’. A Lent Course exploring ecological justice, from USPG. Each session features Bible study, stories of hope and encouragement from USPG partner churches across the world, and opportunities to reflect on how, as Christians, we can respond to the climate emergency. This course will run on Zoom on **Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7-8pm**, starting on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

USPG Lent Course

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894921657?pwd=aER2MUdWRldQVGxCR3JHSmlIWEZ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 828 9492 1657

Passcode: 117598

You may also like to do the course individually or in home groups. Please let Helen know if you plan to attend (office@hthq.uk), and if you would like a print-out of the booklet which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.uspg.org.uk/engage/support5/forsuchatime/lent-course-2021/>

Lent Poetry Challenge

Many of us have turned to poetry for wisdom during this time, and may find it helpful to commit to reading a poem a day during Lent, following Malcolm Guite’s book *Word in the Wilderness* (Canterbury Press, 2014). Laura will be holding three Zoom sessions to read and

discuss some of the poems together. These will be on **Monday evenings (1st, 15th, 29th March) at 7-8pm**. Please let Laura know if you would like to take part (vicar@hthq.uk).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83412106705?pwd=YWovZzA4NXB5SVIwTTd1ZnA0M0JuUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 1210 6705

Passcode: 902980

Come and See

Lots of people are asking deep questions of faith at this time. 'Come and See', run through Oxford Diocese, is an invitation to everyone and anyone who feels adrift in this pandemic, whether or not they know anything about the Christian faith. You can find more details and register here: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Lent Retreat: Growing back better

2020 challenged us, individually and collectively, in ways no-one could have imagined. It has confronted us with the question of whether we want to go back to how things were, or to 'grow back better'. It has challenged us to reflect on what kind of people we truly desire to become and what kind of world we hope to pass on to future generations. This Lent Retreat, run by Pray as you Go in collaboration with Sacred Space, offers seven weekly sessions to help reflect on these questions. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/lent-2021>

Prayers for Hope and Healing

This contemplative prayer gathering will meet weekly on Thursdays at 8.30pm during Lent, beginning Thursday 25th February (there will be no prayer meeting on February 18th). The focus will be: seeing salvation, praying through art, and there is a new Zoom link for the Lent meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521812373?pwd=ZTVkaFZZV25Ba3ZaYXR3RVQ1MEJMdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 2181 2373

Passcode: 738378

Live Lent: Church of England App

The Church of England have produced an App called 'Live Lent', which can be downloaded on your phone or tablet. It includes daily reflections for Lent, and many other resources. If you are not online, or know someone who is not online, don't forget the Daily Hope line which will be updated with each day's audio reflection paired with a hymn. Enjoy by calling the free phone number **0800 804 8044**.