

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



The Third Sunday of Easter

17th and 18th April 2021

Words of welcome

Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest are thy, and only thy,
who in his truth confide!

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says

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 his 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.

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-35

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron Scott

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

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful father
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia.

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.
Alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.
Alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Alleluia.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

Alleluia.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Alleluia.

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we
may bring light to your world.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you feel most comfortable

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.

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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

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.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Anthem Ego sum panis vivus, Palestrina

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
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

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

The Blessing

Please stand

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Please wait for any closing music to finish before leaving the service.
We ask you to leave from the back pews first. Please keep a safe
distance from others as you depart, and remember to sanitize your
hands on the way out.*

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Notices

New Notices

APCM: May 26th Please save the date for our annual church meeting, on
Wednesday May 26th 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom. This is a chance to reflect on all

we experienced and learned during 2020, to give thanks for God's continued care of our church community, and to pray for the future. We also seek to elect two new PCC members, and another deanery synod rep. Please pray about these vacancies and consider whether God may be asking you to get more involved in the leadership structures of our church. Do speak to anyone on PCC if you would like to know more – if you aren't sure who we are, our names and photos are on display at the back of church!

Electoral roll As part of the APCM process, we update the church electoral roll each year. Despite the name, this has nothing to do with government elections! It's a list we are required to keep of everyone who is a full member of the church. Updating our electoral roll is important because it helps us to keep track of our members and ensure our mission statistics are up to date. If you would like to join the roll, or are not sure whether your name is currently there, please contact Joan Jones: electoralroll@hthq.uk. More details are on the noticeboards and website.

Book by Susie Stead

A message from Sue Saville: So many of you will remember Susie Stead well and will want to join me in congratulating her on her first published book *Stephen From the Inside Out*. It's a true story of Susie's friendship with Stephen who she met in 2013. They became friends, meeting regularly until Stephen's death in 2018 when he was 63. Susie says in the epilogue, which she wrote in 2020, 'Stephen taught me about being with brokenness and darkness, he taught me about being real and honest, he taught me about friendship and faithfulness, he taught me how to be human.' I can't recommend it highly enough and you can order it through Blackwells, Waterstones or Amazon. As we know from the plays Susie wrote she is a gifted writer but this is another step in her career and a book which will inform and move us in understanding those with long term mental health conditions. *Stephen From the Inside Out* by Susie Stead
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Older notices

Building Work in Church Let there be light! Thank you for your prayers as the lighting and electrical work has continued in church. The redecoration work and new sound system installation will take place in April. This means that we will not be resuming any midweek services yet, and the building will be closed for private prayer from Monday 12th April – Friday 23rd April, while the redecoration work takes place. Thank you to all those who have supported the building project financially so far, and especially the Friends of Holy Trinity who are the principal donor for the lighting and redecoration work. Once phase one of the work is completely finished, we hope to 'showcase' it properly!

Zoom 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=S25BN0E3QUF6aXk5cHBETktaR>

[mhldz09](#) Meeting ID: 867 8289 1843 Passcode: 309879

Prayers for Hope and Healing

This contemplative prayer gathering will continue after Easter **weekly on Thursdays at 8.30pm**

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

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