

Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

26th September 2021

Words of welcome.

Hymn

Please stand

Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.

Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet
let it still be me.

The president says

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

A minister says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

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**

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 God's kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria

Firmly (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
p world: have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the
f right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
ff Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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: James 5. 13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Gospel Reading

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

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I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one:
I was dead and behold I am alive forevermore

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

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

Gospel reading: Mark 9. 38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

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

Please sit or kneel.

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

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with a bow or a wave or
a smile – please remain in your place.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you are 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 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.**

Bells are rung

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.**

Bells are rung

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:

Sanctus

Easily (♩ = 100) *mp* UPPER VOICES ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

mf ALL *cresc.*

God of power and might, God of power and might,

f

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

ff

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus

Quiet and reflective (♩ = 100) *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

mp warmly

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

p hushed

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Gently flowing (♩ = 63)

mf CONGREGATION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

p Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: *poco rit*

a little slower

Grant us, 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.**

This is God's table and all are welcome here. Please follow the directions of the steward, and please keep a safe distance from others and follow the one-way system as you return to your seat. Please do also come forwards if you would like a prayer of blessing instead, and hold onto this booklet to indicate this.

Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life
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 they, and only they,
who in his truth confide!

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

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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

Please stand

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
and who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

The Blessing

This or another blessing is used

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 wait for any closing music to finish and then exit the building promptly, taking care not to block the entrance or church path. Please leave from the back pews first. If you are sitting near the front, you are welcome to use the chancel door, but mind the step! Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it.

We no longer pass the collection plate around during the service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation to support the work of our church.

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Notices: 26th September

Sunday 26th September

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer.

10am – Parish Eucharist

10am – Forest Sunday School

3pm – Pet blessing service

Midweek Services

Mondays at 9am— Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Tuesdays at 10am—Tots Service

Wednesdays at 10am—Holy Communion

Thursdays at 8.30pm—Prayers for Hope and Healing (via Zoom)

Harvest Festival October 3rd At all the services we invite you to give money to help the work of the following charities, the Food Bank and Gatehouse by using the contactless card machine or by cash donation. We will not be taking in any produce or food items. Contact Helen in the Parish office if you would like to make a donation but won't be at any of the services.

Choral Evensong Sunday October 3rd with the combined choirs of Holy Trinity and St Nicholas Old Marston. Join us for a contemplative service. Our preacher will be Rev Skye Denno.

Celebrating our building plans! We give thanks for the progress made so far in our church building restoration and development work: our wonderful new lighting, sound and interior decoration, and some small steps towards greater accessibility and our hospitality space in the West End. Two years since our last fundraising appeal, we are launching another appeal today, in what we hope to be the final push towards reaching our target figure (£600,000 in round figures). More information will be given out in the coming weeks. We invite you all to consider whether and how you can contribute to this final appeal, so that we can complete the work in 2022. Please continue to hold our project and plans in your prayers.

Forest Sunday School We are really excited to be starting Forest Sunday School! During the opening hymn children will go out to the Forest for some age-appropriate worship and activities, and return for communion. Please hold this new initiative in your prayers.

'To be a pilgrim'. In preparation for the Confirmation Service on October 24th, Laura is running some sessions exploring the first booklet in the Church of England Pilgrim series: Turning to Christ. Please call or email Laura directly if you would like to know more (vicar@hthq.uk).

Eco Church Resources For a list of interesting eco-related webinars and other resources please go to:

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

Forest Church for Tots Our Tuesday morning 'Tots Service' has restarted on Tuesdays at 10am. This is an informal outdoor church gathering for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups. Please contact Revd Laura for more details.

Fundraising Events: Fundraising for the building project was re-started with a Drinks party which raised £200. It is hoped to hold a series of talks in the autumn and winter, a concert in church, an auction in early February and a dinner in Magdalen College, possibly in summer 2022. If you have other fund-raising ideas of events you could hold/organise please let us know. Diana Clews, Anne Tarassenko and Mile Wooldridge

Thursday Lunch Club has restarted on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Our aim is to provide a home cooked lunch twice a month in a friendly community for older people who live alone in the Headington area. If you know of anyone who might like to come, or if you would like to help (we are in need of cooks and drivers but there are other jobs too) please contact Katya Drummond on katya@shotover.net or on 01865 763161.

Mothers' Union Bible studies are starting again. The first two will be on **Tuesday 28th September** and **Tuesday 26th October** at 10.30am in the meeting room at St Andrew's, Old Headington. Further details from Jane Hedges.

Autumn Fair: 2nd October 2-4pm. We need your donations!

Please bring donations to the Coach House Car park **today 26 September (11am-1pm)**. If this is not suitable, please contact Derek and Margaret Taylor (01865 765051) or Mike and Lisa Hill (01865 768077) to make other arrangements. **We need helpers on the day!** If you are able to offer help to run a stall and/or set up the stalls and help clear away after the event please contact Derek and Margaret Taylor (01865 765051). We look forward to a very special day!

Flowers in church The Flower arranging Team are in urgent need of donations to keep providing the beautiful flowers in church each week. If you would like to make a donation or indeed have flowers in memory of someone or for a special anniversary please ring Margaret Woodcock 761588. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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