Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



All Saints Day

31st October 2021

Words of welcome.

Hymn

Please stand

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia*.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia*.

O blest communion, fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia*.

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest: sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia*.

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia*.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost *Alleluia*

William Walsham How (1823-1867)

The president says

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.** **The Greeting**

A minister says

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

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



The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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

First Reading: 2 Esdras 2.42-48

I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my lord?' He answered and said to me, 'These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms.' Then I said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?' He answered and said to me, 'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.' So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

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

Gospel Reading

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Sermon

Revd Canon David Knight

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Please stand

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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.

Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaims, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, and honour and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

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

for the glorious pledge of the hope of our calling

which you have given us in your saints;

that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,

we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



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.

Bells are rung

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.

Bells are rung

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 the blessed Virgin Mary and 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

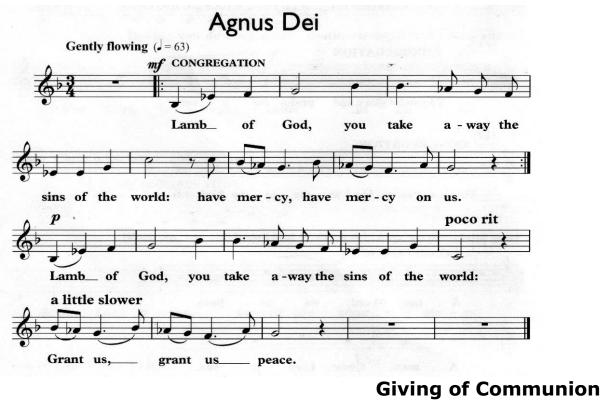
Please sit or kneel

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.



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

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest. I know not, O I know not what joys await us there, what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare. They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng; the Prince is ever with them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their leader have conquered in the fight, for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect! O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect! Jesu, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest; who art, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

Bernard of Cluny (12th century) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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

Light of the minds that know him, may Christ be light to mine! my sun in risen splendour, my light of truth divine; my guide in doubt and darkness, my true and living way, my clear light ever shining, my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him, may Christ be ours indeed! the living bread from heaven on whom our spirits feed; who died for love of sinners to bear our guilty load, and make of life's brief journey a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him, may Christ be strength to me, who stilled the storm and tempest, who calmed the tossing sea; his Spirit's power to move me, his will to master mine, his cross to carry daily and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him that we may truly love, and loving, fully serve him as serve the saints above; till in that home of glory with fadeless splendour bright, we serve in perfect freedom our strength, our life, our light.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love, 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.

We usually serve refreshments outside church – please do stay if you would like to. 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: 31st October

Sunday 31st October

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School **Sunday 7th November 6pm** – All Souls 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)

Climate Conversations

You're invited to join conversations about how we as individuals and a church community can help combat climate change. These will take place in November in small friendly groups, both home and Zoom-based, and all are very welcome. Hot drinks, biscuits and cake are provided when in person. Please get in touch with Hilary Rollin or Jan McLeod for further information: *Hilary: <u>hjsrollin@gmail.com</u> / Tel: 761545, Jan: <u>m@cleods.co.uk / Tel: 768965</u>*

Newsletter Deadline

Please send any items for the latest edition of the online newsletter to Helen (<u>office@hthq.uk</u>) by Monday November 8th. We are still on the lookout for an editor and administrator for the newsletter on a longer term basis. Please consider if you or someone you know has the time and skills to help with this important area of church communications.

Welcome to Sarah

A warm welcome to Sarah de Bats, who will be carrying out a Sunday placement at Holy Trinity this year. We look forward to getting to know Sarah and supporting her in her vocation.

All Souls Service: Next Sunday 7th November 6pm An

opportunity for those whose close relatives have died recently to remember their loved ones in prayer and to give thanks for the lives that they have lived. Please email Helen in the Parish Office the names of anyone you would like read out. All are welcome.

Bishop of Oxford Outreach Fund £122 was given in the collection in aid of the Fund at last weeks Confirmaton Service.

Remembrance Sunday: November 14th

Our parish Eucharist will include an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.45am, and we look forward to welcoming members of 7th Headington Brownies.

The **MU Bible Study** will now take place on **Tuesday 2nd November at 10.30am** at St Andrew's, Old Headington.

Celebrating our building plans! We give thanks for the progress made so far in our church building restoration and development work. Two years since our last fundraising appeal, we have now launched another appeal, in what we hope to be the final push towards reaching our target figure (£600,000 in round figures). 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.

Teatime Recital Series

Take a poster and invite friends and family. Please come along to our November recital series in church, to raise money for our church building fund. Each recital will be followed by refreshments in church: **Saturday 6th November, 3pm**: Dominic Scott (Piano), Laura Biron-Scott (Clarinet).

Saturday 13th November, 3pm: Quarry Wind Quintet (debut performance!)

Saturday 20th November, 3pm: Rosie Tweddle (Organ) Saturday 27th November, 3pm: Dvorak Wind Serenade, with members of the Oxford Sinfonia.

Review of Church Charities: Last chance to nominate the charity/ies of your choice! The PCC would like to ask members of the congregation to nominate charities for the church to support over the next four years. Our current charities are: Opportunity International; Asylum Welcome; Practical Compassion for Destitute Children and The Archway Foundation. The PCC will make the final selection and they will include two local and two international charities as before. The existing four charities can be nominated again. Please leave your nomination in the box provided, or contact Anne Tarassenko with your nomination(s) by Sunday 31st October: <u>annetarassenko@hotmail.com</u> Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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