

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Advent Sunday
28th November 2021

Welcome to Holy Trinity Headington Quarry—the ‘village’ church in the city. Wherever you are on your walk with God, we hope you will feel welcome here. If you have questions or need help with anything, please speak to one of the welcomers at the door. It’s easy to worry about what to do in church, but the most important thing is that you find time to be with God. The words of the service are in this booklet—please join in the responses in **bold**.

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and joyful preparation. It anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: as the Christ-child in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for Christ’s Coming among us.

As we keep this time of watching and waiting, may we become more deeply aware of the presence of Christ in the quietness and in the darkness—and may the Holy Spirit prompt us to a loving awareness of the presence of Christ in unexpected places and situations.

A prayer as you prepare for worship:

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you
a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(St Benedict, 480-543)

Words of welcome

Hymn

Please stand

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath.

Advent 1: Advent Hope

**Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray;
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon', we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness on that Day.**

After the candle is lit:

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light
Jesus is the light of the world
A light no darkness can ever put out.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon introduces the prayers of penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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.**

Kyrie

Andante

10 Organ

mp Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. *mf* Christ have

mp mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

The president says

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33. 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the chant as the gospel book is carried forwards:

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch take heart.

The gospel is announced

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 21. 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Rev'd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in our coming Lord

**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, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

Naomi Lawrence, Charles Reade, Kate Samuel, Mary Jenkins, Barbara Farrar, Josie, Grace, Rosemary Hill, Sue Saville, Vincent, Wilfred Wong.

Those who have died recently:

Marian Simmons, Samantha Kent

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Gemma Jane Richardson, Florence Roberta Jarvis,
Frances Hannah Gosler*

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

A minister says

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

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
based on *Vox clama ecce intonate*, (Latin, 5th or 6th century)

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of

19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

28 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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.

Deacon: Christ is the bread of life:

Acclamation

Moderato *mp*

10

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your
 death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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 *[N and]* 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.

Agnus Dei

Slowly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy_ on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant_ us peace.

Invitation to 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 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.

Music during Communion

Song of Farewell, Philip Sparke

Performed by Kenneth Hobson (Horn) and Anna Bishop (Piano)

Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

*John Milton, the elder (c. 1563-1647)
based on verses from Psalms 82, 85, 86*

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn

Please stand

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of the world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Editors of *English Praise*, 1975
based on Charles Ernest Oakley (1832-1865)

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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

A minister says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Music

J.S. Bach, Chorale prelude on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* BWV645
Performed by Anna Bishop and Rosie Tweddle

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.

In these colder months will serve refreshments inside church. If you would like to join us for refreshments, please collect these from the lady chapel following the usual one way system, and then move to the back of church or back to your seat.

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Notices: 28th November

Advent Sunday: Sunday 28th November

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
6pm – Advent Carol Service

2nd Sunday of Advent: Sunday 5th December

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
6pm – Plainchant Evensong

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)

Funerals in church this week

Wednesday 1st December 1pm: Samantha Kent
Thursday 2nd December 12noon: Marian Simmons

The Advent Circle flowers have been kindly given by Janet Lever, in loving memory of her husband Peter D'Arcy Lever.

Fairtrade in the Market

This is a joint enterprise set up between Headington Fairtrade (started by 3 members of our congregation!) and Fairtrade at St. Michaels. It is a pop-up shop in The Covered Market in Oxford and will be there till the end of February. If you're in Oxford please call in. This is our response to the pandemic which has affected our producers far harder than it has us as they have limited access to medical care and vaccines. Rachel Walding.

WI Coffee Morning at The Coach House

Friday 3rd December 10am- 12 noon. You are warmly invited by Quarry WI. Tea, Coffee and Cake and a Chat.

New Year Philosophy Course

Richard Churchill is offering to run an informal Philosophy Course for beginners, starting in the new year. Sessions to take place over Zoom, one evening a fortnight (day to be confirmed but I am unavailable Thursday evenings) and lasting 60 minutes. The proposed time of 7:30 pm, but can be earlier or later depending on when people are available. The format for the session will be an introductory short lecture explaining the philosopher and their idea which will be the theme of the session. Following this, I will open up the discussion to everyone and they can ask questions and open up the topic for debate. I would prefer to keep things as informal as possible, but I can provide some recommended reading for the topics I'm discussing should this be wanted by anyone.

The first few sessions will be discussing the ideas of the pre-Socratic thinkers; Anaximander (and the Apeiron), Heraclitus (chaos & order), Zeno (paradoxes). Following this moving on through into the Classical thinkers; Plato (rule of philosopher-kings, concept of the forms and true knowledge), Aristotle (teleological ethics and the concept of eudaimonia), Epicurus (happiness & fear), Stoicism (rationalizing emotions, and Stoic concepts of pre-determinism). Then move on to the Medieval thinkers of St. Augustine, St. Anselm, Aquinas, Boethius, and Ockham, looking more deeply at Platonic and Aristotelian concepts and their evolution into Christian concepts during this time. After this, I am happy to move sessions into whichever direction people would like to me cover, or I can continue to plan sessions and move through philosophers in chronological order as before. Please get in touch via Laura (vicar@hthq.uk) if you would like to take part.

St Andrew's Day: Tuesday 30th November

You are warmly invited to celebrate St Andrew's Day at either of these services taking place locally:

6pm: Eucharist at Magdalen College Chapel.

Preacher: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

7.30pm: Festal Eucharist at St Andrew's Headington.

Preacher: The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Thursday Lunch Club (TLC)

Do you enjoy cooking? TLC which provides home cooked lunches twice a month for the elderly in the Headington area would like to find some more cooks. Our present cooks are wonderful, but more support for them would be welcome. It is a friendly community and the guests very much appreciate the lunches and the company. So please give this a thought and see whether you might be able to help. Also TLC has a free raffle and if you have unwanted gifts - biscuits, chocolates, jam, etc are very much appreciated- which you would be happy to donate, Katya Drummond is happy to collect.

Please contact Katya Drummond Tel 07547 649612 or

katya@shotover.net

Headington Action Christmas Markets

December 4th 4.30pm – 5.30pm Christmas tree Lights switch-on by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, with mince pies, wine soft drinks and community singing round the Christmas tree. An extra Christmas Market will take place on Wednesday December 22nd 9am – 2pm.

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: hjsrollin@gmail.com / Tel: 761545, Jan: m@cleods.co.uk / Tel: 768965

Newsletter

The latest newsletter edition has been sent out to our mailing list! 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.

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.

Fundraising Auction in January

Please save the date for our next fundraising event – an auction in the Village Hall on **Saturday 29th January at 7.30pm**. Please take a flyer with more information about how you can help.

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

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