Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Christ the King 21st November 2021

Words of welcome.

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: *Lift up...*

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

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

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

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The president says

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen** Please stand

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins 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

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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: Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

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, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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

To crown all things there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now: a royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the heaven's eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given: their name, an everlasting name, their joy, the joy of heaven. They suffer with their Lord below, thy reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. **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 that he is the King of glory, who overcomes the sting of death and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He is seated at your right hand in glory and we believe that he will come to be our judge.

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.



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

There is a higher throne than all this world has known, where faithful ones from every tongue will one day come. Before our God we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; believing hearts find promised grace: salvation comes. Hear heaven's voices sing, their thund'rous anthem rings through em'rald courts and sapphire skies, their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honour are to God, our King who reigns on high for evermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne; we'll honour him in perfect song where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye, as thirst and hunger die; the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King: we'll reign with him. *Hear heaven's...*

Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Kristyn Getty (b. 1980)

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly: the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen. We usually serve refreshments either inside or 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: 21st November

Sunday 21st November

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
Sunday 28th November: Advent Sunday
8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
6pm – Advent Carol 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)

The flowers in church today have been given by Roy Kerry in loving memory of his wife Sylvia, whose birthday would have been in November.

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

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 (\pounds 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 final recital in the November recital series in church, to raise money for our church building fund. The recital will be followed by refreshments in church:

Saturday 27th November, 3pm: Dvorak Wind Serenade, with Pavlova Winds

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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