

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Presentation of Christ
in the Temple

Sunday 30th January 2022, 10am

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join our 'Forest Sunday School', meeting in the churchyard forest.

Please stand

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own. *A glory dawns...*

They go the temple, obeying the law,
and offering two pigeons, the gift of the poor. *A glory dawns...*

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.
A glory dawns...

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.
A glory dawns...

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire. *A glory dawns...*

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.
A glory dawns...

Elizabeth J. Cosnett (b. 1936)

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

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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
world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* 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
Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. *ff* A - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

Please stand

CELTIC ALLELUIA



The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Sermon

Sarah de Bats
Ordinand, Ripon College Cuddesdon

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 have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

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

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

Those who have died recently: Rosemary Hill. Lorraine Glenn. Joyce Allen.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Douglas Kirkby, Margaret Cousins, Julia Kirkby, Francis Beckett

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 mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and 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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,
 he was lifted high upon the cross
 and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
 when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
 And now we rejoice and glorify your name
 that we, too, have seen your salvation
 and join with angels and archangels
 in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, 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

Gently flowing ($\text{♩} = 63$)

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.

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

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.

Hymn

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant your servant
his discharge in peace.

All the Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This your great deliverance
sets your people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ, your people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us our servants
our discharge in peace.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
based on Luke 2.29-32 (Nunc Dimittis, The Song of Simeon)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

During this hymn, we light our candles and affirm our commitment to take the light of Christ into the world through lives of integrity, compassion and service.

Hymn

Please stand

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light! ...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! ...

Blessing of Candles

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

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 light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

Notices: January 30th

Sunday Jan 30th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Mondays at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

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

Choral Evensong Next Sunday 6th Feb 6pm. Come and listen to beautiful music and well-loved words, and join us in the joy of being to sing again in church. Also a date for your diary: on **6th March Choral Evensong** will be at **St Nicholas, Old Marston**, joint with our choir. Laura will be preaching at this 'return leg' of our evensong exchange. Do come and join us there!

Monday Philosophy Club The Monday Philosophy Club will continue to meet fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join, with the sessions being aimed at all experience ranges.

Feel free to join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72674163572>

Madonna Statue The Madonna and Child Statue is still awaiting restoration. We appreciate everyone's patience as we obtain a faculty from the DAC, which will enable the statue to be removed and the restoration work (by a specialist company) to commence.

Churchyard Update The Churchyard is a fabulous resource for the whole community and we are so grateful for the work that everyone has put into it over the last few years. In conversation with the Working Party and PCC, Margaret and Dave, as wardens, took on overall responsibility for the Church Yard earlier last year. Their first priorities were to make graves accessible, sort out the big trees and move certain planting away from the Church walls. They are making progress on these and they hope you like the results. This only covers the big stuff, the canvas if you like, there is so much more to

do and we are really keen to get everyone involved. More of this in the next few months.

Love's Philosophy a recital of songs and arias celebrating St Valentine's Day at The Coach House on **Saturday February 12th at 7.30pm**. Donations towards the Church Development Building fund. Our thanks to Maggie Cooper and her Mum Maureen Cooper for organising this fundraising event. Please come and support.

Church Charities Review 2021 The four charities supported by Holy Trinity over a number of years were reviewed in Autumn 2021. These were: Opportunity International; Practical Compassion for Destitute Children; Asylum Welcome and The Archway Foundation. Following nominations from the congregation, the final selection for the next four years was made by the PCC and the charities are: Local: The Archway Foundation and The Oxford Homeless Movement. International/Non-local: Christians Against Poverty and WaterAidUK. **The January Auction** has been postponed due to the current Covid situation but will go ahead in the Summer. Please look out for further updates.

Ceilidhs at All Saints Church

Starting on February 5th, on the first Saturday of every month All Saints Highfield is hosting a ceilidh inside the Church! All ages are welcome. The dances will be simple and there will be a caller, so this is an ideal activity for novices to country dancing. Light refreshments and water will be provided. We hope these dances will bring joy and add to the community spirit of Headington! For more information contact Charlotte, at ceilidh@allsaintsheadington.org.uk

NB: All minors must ask their parents' or guardian's permission before attending. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. 7:30-9pm. £2 Entry

Coffee Morning

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY- 10AM-12NOON.

Come for a coffee , cake and a chat. Everyone welcome.
Sponsored by Quarry WI.

Bring and Fix Café: Do your New Year Resolutions include being eco-friendly and repairing a few malfunctioning appliances and household items? But you lack the know-how? Don't condemn such items to landfill! Experts will fix them for free on Tuesdays 10-12 at Gladstone Rd. Community Centre, OX3 8LL.

List of Eco Resources: The list of webinars, other programmes on eco matters in the early part of 2022, and for suggested eco reading material, please see: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> (Hilary Rollin for HTHQ Eco Church Group)

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

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