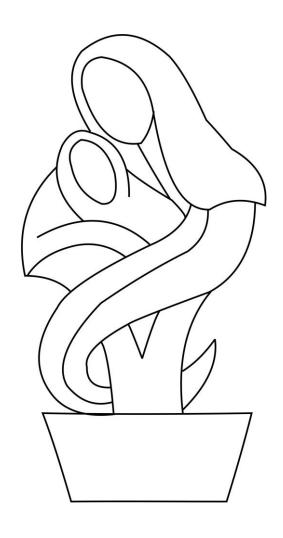
Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

MOTHERING SUNDAY



Sunday 27th March 2022, 10am

Words of welcome

Hymn 739

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Nun Danket, trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you and also with you.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name to sing your praise, to hear your story, and to receive your gifts, fill us with your love, your peace and your joy.

Amen.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Please sit

Let us call to mind the ways in which we have failed to love one another as Christ loved us, and let us seek the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception, yet we fail to live as your children.

Lord have morey

Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good, yet we seek our own good. Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help, yet we ignore the cries of others. Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The president says

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect - a prayer for the day

Let us pray:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn 747

O, God, you search me, and you know me All my thoughts lie open to your gaze When I walk or lie down, you are before me 'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising You discern my purpose from afar And with love everlasting, you besiege me In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are Before a word is on my tongue, Lord You have known its meaning through and through You are with me beyond my understanding God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me Still I search for shelter from your light There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me Gave me life within my mother's womb For the wonder of who I am, I praise you Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel Reading: John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

Talk

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Affirmation of Faith

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

As children of a loving God let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and stronghold.

This response is used

God of love

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, Sue Saville, Bob Nind, Pat Whitehouse, Daphne King, Shelagh Borden, Tony Borden. Neil. David Owen.

Those who have died recently:

Marae Griffin

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Michael Dibdin, Clint Townsend, Anne Wilcock, Richard Baxter

Loving God, accept these our prayers, and through them transform us and all creation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Please remain in your place and share the peace with a bow, smile or wave.

Hymn

All our blessings, all our joys With thankful hearts we sing, God of love and faithfulness, Accept the praise we bring.

For parents and for children, For partners and for friends, For those whose care enfolds us With love that never ends. All our blessings ...

For fellowship and friendship For all we have to give, For those who've shared our journey And taught us how to live. All our blessings ...

For all who've shared our sorrow, Walked with us in our pain, Who've held our hand through darkness And showed us light again.

All our blessings ...

In sacrifice and service Your love is clearly shown, Your outstretched arms embrace us to bring us safely home. All our blessings ...

Preparation of the Table

The President takes the bread and wine and says

With this bread that we bring we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring. **We shall remember Jesus.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

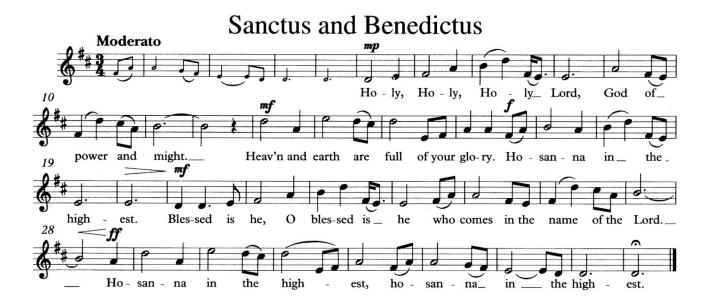
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.

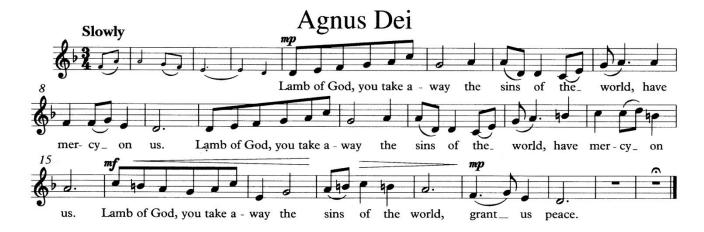
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.

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.

The choir sings an anthem during communion.

Hymn 259

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters, hovering on the chaos of the world's first day; she sighs and she sings, mothering creation, waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes, lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies; she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder, nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators, waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned; she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open, nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence, gifted by the Saviour in eternal love; and she is the key opening the Scriptures, enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

A Maori version of the Lord's Prayer, from the New Zealand Prayer Book

The Sending Out

Hymn 394

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Luke 1.46-55 (Magnificat, The Song of Mary)

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth, strengthen us for daily life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all, send us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

On your way out today, please do collect a daffodil posy from the porch. You are welcome to take one to remember your mother or any mothering influence in your life, or to give to someone you think would appreciate it. Our grateful thanks to Bernie & Frances Farrar and Val Wells for making the posies.

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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.

Do join us for refreshments outside!

Notices: March 27th

Sunday March 27th: Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist with distribution of daffodil posies

Sunday April 3rd: Passion Sunday

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School 6pm Choral Evensong

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).

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Lent 2022 Our parish Lent Course is the Diocesan *Come and See* course exploring the Lord's Prayer. This will run on **Tuesdays** at 3pm (in the Coach House) or 7pm (online via Zoom). All are welcome. If you can't make the course but would still like to explore the material, you can sign up to receive 'come and see' emails via the Oxford Diocese website. If you would like a book to read in conjunction with the course, you may like to read *Thy Will be Done* by Steven Cherry (SPCK, 2021)

Newsletter

The deadline for the next online newsletter is Thursday 28 April. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at newsletter@hthq.uk. Thank you very much.

Service Booklets A few people have asked for clarification around future plans for printing individual service booklets. These were originally introduced as part of our wider Covid-19 response but as restrictions have been lifted the demand for them remains. It might be that you don't see it but our whole church community rely on these, whether it be 'everything in one place' for newcomers, listeners in hospital, study groups or those who just want to keep in touch we feel that this is much more than a container for hymns, liturgy and notices. While demand continues we are going to continue with the service booklets for the majority of services with one small change: if you do want to pick up a hymn book then feel free, the numbers will be in the booklet but remember to put them back at the end of the service.

Lent Lilies If you would like to donate £5 for a lily on Easter Day in memory of a loved one please ring Margaret Woodcock Ox.761588 by Sunday April 10th. The names will be displayed at the font.

Mothers' Unions Bible Study will be at St Andrew's Old Headington in the Church Room at 2.30pm on 5th April. Note that we are now meeting in the afternoon. Everyone is very welcome.

Soup! A huge thank you to all the soup makers. Between Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi and Headington Prep School, we made a total of 70 litres, which will provide soup for two weeks at the Gatehouse.

Fundraising Auction Please save the date of **Saturday 18th June** for our fundraising auction (postponed from January). More details to follow!

Monday Philosophy Club The Monday Philosophy Club meets fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7pm, via Zoom. Do contact Richard Churchill (via the parish office) if you would like to join or find out more about the discussions.

List of Eco Resources: Are you interested in finding out more about what's Needed in Practice to get to Net Zero? And What's Stopping us? Environmental Fundraising? Getting ready for the Great Big Green Week? Embodied Carbon from Building Projects? Repeats of the Eco Church topics? Why not take a look at our *February Onwards Eco Resources List?* See: https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/ (Hilary Rollin for HTHQ Eco Church Group)

Pastoral care team. Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day (308088), Janet Masters (765824), Nell Slocock (762291) or Anne Tarassenko (351739).

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Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

God of compassion,
Have mercy this day on the people of Ukraine.
Restore to them the gift of peace.
Grant wisdom to the governments of the world.
Bring good in the midst of evil and suffering,
For the sake of Jesus Christ your Son,
Who gave his life to bring peace to your world
Amen.