

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry

A Journey  through Lent

The Third Sunday of Lent

20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*Words of welcome.*

## **Hymn 817ii**

*During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.*

Timeless love! We sing the story,  
praise his wonders, tell his worth;  
love more fair than heaven's glory,  
love more firm than ancient earth!  
Tell his faithfulness abroad:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

By his faithfulness surrounded,  
north and south his hand proclaim;  
earth and heaven formed and founded,  
skies and seas, declare his Name!  
Wind and storm obey his word:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Truth and righteousness enthrone him,  
just and equal are his ways;  
more than happy, those who own him,  
more than joy, their songs of praise!  
Sun and Shield and great Reward:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)  
based on Psalm 89.1-18

*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*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

**Kyrie**

*Andante*

10 Organ *mp* *mf*

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. Christ have  
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,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered  
pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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: Isaiah 55. 1-9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

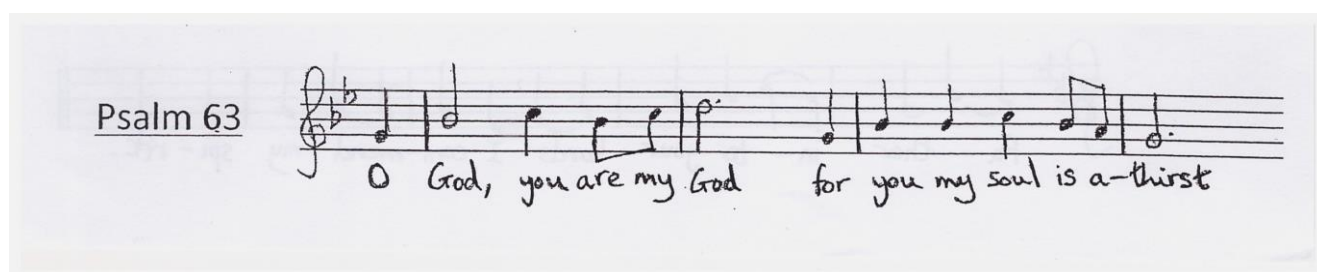
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand. The choir sings psalm 63 – please join in the refrain.*



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

## **Gospel reading: Luke 13. 1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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

**Sermon**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

**The Nicene Creed**

*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.**

*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, 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:*

*Hazel Roberts, Frank Greenwood, Enid Day, Oswald Evans, Gillian Westbury, Peggy Harris, Howard Goff.*

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
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 806**

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
Through the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*



## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**Moderato**

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

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

28 *ff* 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.

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.

*Deacon:* Christ is the bread of life

**Acclamation**

**Moderato**

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 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**

Slowly

The musical score for 'Agnus Dei' is written in 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Slowly'. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have'. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'mer - cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy\_ on'. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '15' and continues with the lyrics 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_ us peace.' Dynamic markings include 'mp' (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the first staff and 'mf' (mezzo-forte) at the beginning of the third staff.

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.

## 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 358

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found –  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight –  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

*David Evans (b. 1957)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
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 779**

*Please stand*

Sing, my soul, when hope is sleeping,  
sing when faith gives way to fears;  
sing to melt the ice of sadness,  
making ways for joy through tears.

Sing, my soul, when sickness lingers,  
sing to dull the sharpest pain;  
sing to set the spirit leaping:  
healing needs a glad refrain.

Sing, my soul, of him who shaped,  
let me wander far away,  
ran with open arms to greet me,  
brought me home again to stay.

Sing, my soul, when light seems darkest,  
sing when night refuses rest,  
sing though death should mock the future:  
what's to come by God is blessed.

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

### **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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.**

*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.*

## **Notices: March 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>: The Third Sunday of Lent**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

### **Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist with distribution of daffodil posies

### **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).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521812373?pwd=ZTVkaFZZV25Ba3ZaYXR3RVQ1MEJMdz09> Meeting ID: 845 2181 2373 Passcode: 738378

**Farewell to Sarah** Today we say farewell to Sarah de Bats, who has been on placement with us from Cuddesdon. We give thanks for Sarah's time with us and wish her every blessing for the future.

**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)

**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.

**Mothers' Unions Bible Study** will be at St Andrew's Old Headington in the Church Room at 2.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you also to Moo-Moos Milkshakes and Smoothies in the Covered Market, who every year provide us with a large number of used ice cream tubs to fill with soup!

**PCC Meeting** Our next PCC meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, via Zoom. Please hold us in your prayers.

**Fundraising Auction** Please save the date of **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

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

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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.