HOLY TRINITY HEADINGTON QUARRY



The Third Sunday of Easter

1st May 2022

Music Group Introit. Words of welcome

Hymn 562

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

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain, informed of God's own bias, we ponder once again: 'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind? How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims of heartless human greed, their cruel plight composes a litany of need: 'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace? When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach? And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach? And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know? And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat, attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote, a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles

and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

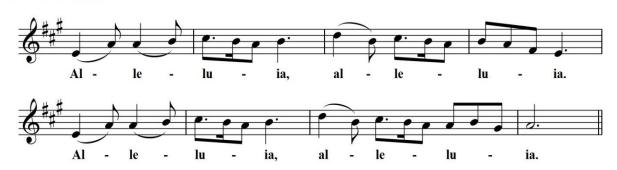
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gospel Reading

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Naomi Lawrence, Charles Reade, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar, Josie, Grace, Sue Saville, Bob Nind, Neil, David Owen.

Those who have died recently:

Maurice Jacobs. Daphne King.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Richard Beresford, Ruby Wood, Joyce Nickalls.

And at the end

Merciful father accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ Amen

Please stand

A minister says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you and also with you. Alleluia.

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 Prayer

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you feel 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Sanctus



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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

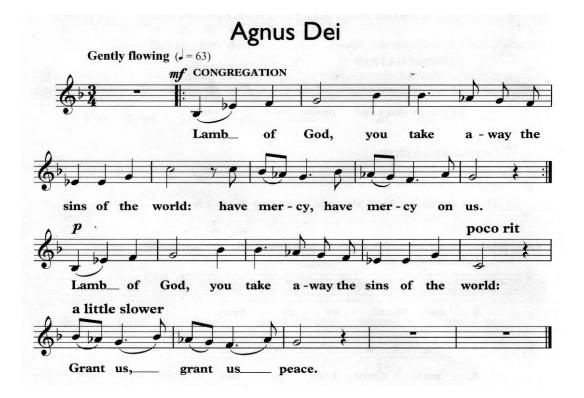
As our Saviour taught us so we pray

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 788

Take this moment, sign and space; take my friends around; here among us make the place where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name, take the time to mend who I am and what I've been, all I've failed to tend.

Take the little child in me scared of growing old; help me here to find my worth made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills, take what's yet to be; let my life be yours, and yet let it still be me.

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

Prayer after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 667

Please stand

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John – they came with me and the Dance went on. *Dance, then...*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die. *Dance, then...*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black – it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; but I am the Dance, and I still go on. *Dance, then...*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then...

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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 peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Do join us for refreshments outside! 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: April 24th

Sunday May 1st: Third Sunday after Easter

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

Hymns 769 Rejoice! The Lord is King, 25 We praise you, Father, for your gift, 507 We have a gospel to proclaim. Psalm 86.

Sunday May 8th: Fourth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School. 6pm Sanctified - A celebration of gospel blues

Midweek Services

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

APCM: May 25th Please save the date for our annual church meeting, on Wednesday May 26th 2021, at 7.30pm in Church. This is a chance to reflect on all we experienced and learned during 2021, to give thanks for God's continued care of our church community, and to pray for the future.

Julian Group. The May meeting will be on **Friday 6th May at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then have tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**

Sanctified - A celebration of gospel blues Sunday 8th of May at 6pm in church. Paul Morris and the team are back with a new service this time celebrating gospel blues."Come and join us for an uplifting hour of live music, featuring worship songs from some of the pioneers of gospel blues!"

800th anniversary of the 1222 Synod of Oxford. Sunday 8 May, 2pm, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford The service recalls the 800th anniversary of the 1222 Synod of Oxford. Held at Osney Abbey, this Synod instigated a particularly disturbing time in Christian-Jewish relations in England, with repercussions across Europe. This anniversary, arranged in association with the Oxford Jewish Congregation, offers a symbolic opportunity for repentance and for a positive reframing of Jewish-Christian relations. You can register to attend here: oxford.anglican.org/1222-Synod. Following the Cathedral service there will be a prayer meeting hosted by the Oxford Churches from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Blue Boar House (doors open from 3pm) at 5 Blue Boar Street, OX1 4EE.

Fundraising Auction. To be held on Saturday June 18th, in the Vicarage Garden and the Coach House, at 7.30pm. Can you help us with offers of items/events/actions for our auction in aid of the

buildings development? Choose from the list of suggestions on the flyer at the back of the church, or feel free to come up with your own ideas! More details can be found on the flyer, or contact a member of the fundraising events team: Diana Clews (dianaclews@hotmail.com), Anne Tarassenko (annetarassenko@hotmail.com, tel. 07443 652082) or Mike Wooldridge (mjcwooldridge@gmail.com).

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May

Sunday 15th May: Christian Aid themed Eucharist at 10am. Envelopes for donations will be available or you can give via the special JustGiving page on the HTHQ website.

Thursday 19th May: Hunger Lunch from 12 till 2pm at Sheila Allcock's, 3 Barton Road. (Bread & cheese, with coeliac and vegan alternatives.)

Saturday 21st May: Spring Tea at the Coach House from 3-5pm. Tea, coffee and cakes, a toy stall, a plant stall, a book stall and face painting. Please bring toys in good condition, books and plants to the Jackson Room on Friday 20th between 6.30 and 8.30pm and bring cakes on the day to the Coach House from 2.30, or earlier to Elizabeth Knight, 12 Bankside, OX3 8LT. This is our main outreach event to the community so do encourage your friends and neighbours to come along.

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.

Eco Resources and Tips Eco Tip of the Week: With Easter here, and Spring hopefully not far away, why not increase the walking and cycling? Good for the environment, your health and your pocket! The latest selection of Eco Resources is now available, with links to webinars, suggested articles and books. Go to:

https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources

If you prefer to browse the whole list of eco ideas generated in Climate Conversations and select your own tips from the list, go to https://www.hthg.uk/climate-conversations/ Hilary Rollin and Jan McLeod

There will be a **Mothers' Union Bible Stud**y on **Tuesday 31st May** at **10.30am** at St Andrew's, Old Headington. Everyone is very welcome.

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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