

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8th May 2022

Words of welcome

Please stand.

Hymn 665

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

I am the light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.

I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life and live that life in me.

Robert Willis (b. 1947)

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 grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.
Let us come to God, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

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

Gloria

Firmly (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
6 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and
10 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
14 glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
20 Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
25 world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the
29 right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* re-ceive our prayer. For
33 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
37 you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
41 *ff* Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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,
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:

Rachael Sutton, Ivy Kimber, Diana Collins, Edwin Knight, Albert Ind.

Merciful father

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

The Peace

Please stand

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 671

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me –
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)

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

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)

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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 (♩ = 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:
a little slower
Grant us, grant us peace.

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 800

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for you endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights. *And I will trust...*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know. *And I will trust...*

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963)
based on Psalm 23*

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd
and in his love for us
to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps
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 802

Please stand

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'erald 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)

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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Notices: April 24th

Sunday May 8th: Fourth Sunday after Easter

Sanctified - A celebration of gospel blues tonight 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!"

Midweek Services

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday May 15th: Fifth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Forthcoming Special Services

Ascension Day Eucharist: Thursday 26th May, 7.30pm.

APCM: May 25th Please save the date for our annual church meeting, on **Wednesday May 25th 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.

800th anniversary of the 1222 Synod of Oxford. Today - Sunday 8 May, 2pm, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford The service recalls the 800th anniversary of the 1222 Synod of Oxford. 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 building 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.hthq.uk/climate-conversations/> Hilary Rollin and Jan McLeod

There will be a **Mothers' Union Bible Study** 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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showing God's love to all.*

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