

HOLY TRINITY  
HEADINGTON QUARRY



*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*8<sup>th</sup> 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

Rev'd 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 God of power and might, *cresc.* 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**

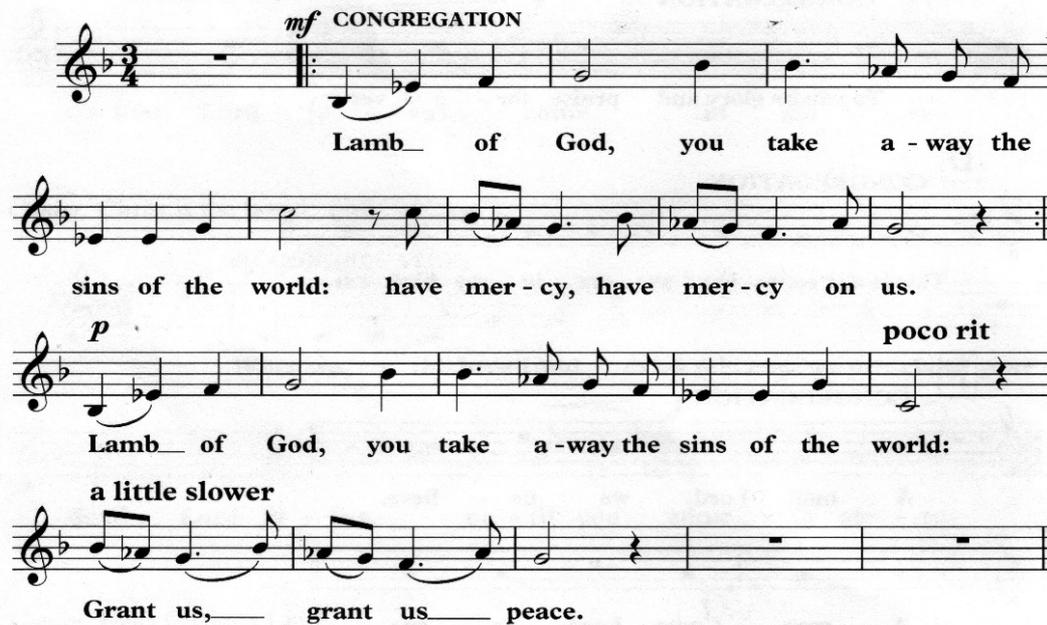
## **Breaking of the Bread**

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 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>: 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 15<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday after Easter**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

#### **Forthcoming Special Services**

Ascension Day Eucharist: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm.

**APCM: May 25<sup>th</sup>** Please save the date for our annual church meeting, on **Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:dianaclews@hotmail.com)), Anne Tarassenko ([annetarassenko@hotmail.com](mailto:annetarassenko@hotmail.com), tel. 07443 652082) or Mike Wooldridge ([mjcwooldridge@gmail.com](mailto: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).

**Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

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

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