# Holy Trinity

# Headington Quarry



# Eleventh Sunday After Trinity 28<sup>th</sup>August 2022

Words of welcome.

#### Hymn 227

Please stand

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic Rose, as of that Rose the Stem; the Root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

#### Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

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 God's kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing. We worship you, to you our hearts we raise, Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won, Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord, At God's right hand, in majesty most high. Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored With all the heavenly host, we glorify.

#### **The Collect**

Let us pray:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**.

Please be seated

## The Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading: Acts 16.11-15

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

#### Hymn 729

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright, how beautiful thy mercy-seeat in depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be,

thine endless wisdom, boundless power, and awful purity!

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward, what rapture will it be, prostrate before thy throne to lie and gaze and gaze on thee!

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

# **Gospel Reading**

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

#### Gospel reading: Luke 14. 1-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Revd Andrew Gregory

Sermon

**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.

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, Liz Owen. Robert Twycross. Rosemary, Pat, Gillian, Bob Cattell. Those who have died recently: Jim Tallett. Margaret Field. Tony Miles, Michael Perry.

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alexander Kouvaritakis, Pat Green,Raymond Brookes-Collins, Francis Swanton, Albert Arnold.* 

These responses may be used Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

**The Peace** 

Please stand

We are the body of Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us therefore pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. 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

All may exchange a sign of Peace

#### Hymn 678

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied – for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

#### Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is 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. Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 [*N 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

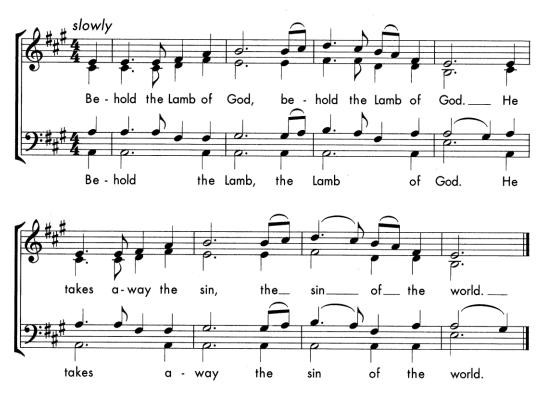
As our saviour taught us, so we pray

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



#### **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. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system back to your seat. Those sitting towards the back will be invited to come forwards first. If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive

communion in one kind only (the bread). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.

#### Hymn 448ii

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

#### Prayer after Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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 569i

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Please stand

#### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 do join us for refreshments outside (or inside if raining!) 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.

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#### Notices: August 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School. Forest Sunday School is taking a break in August and will resume in September! 2pm Wedding of Sasha Lillis and Matthew Perry.

*Please join Pat and Margaret after the service for a glass of Bubbly to celebrate their 50 years of Christian Friendship.* 

#### Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist 11.30am Churchyard work Party

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: (paused during August – resumes Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September) Tots Service: (paused for summer: resumes on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September) Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

**The flowers in church today** are to celebrate 50 years of Margaret and Pat's Christian friendship, and are also in loving memory of their parents. *We are thankful to God for each other and our church family. Margaret and Pat.* 

# Distribution of Holy Communion and the Common Cup

On Pentecost Sunday we reintroduced the chalice at communion, in keeping with House of Bishops guidance which asks that 'communion should now be offered in both kinds'. Although some of us may prefer to receive communion by intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice), this is not recommended practice. If you have any questions or concerns about this do speak to any of the clergy directly. There is no obligation to receive the chalice if you do not wish to.

Julian Group. The September meeting will be on Friday 2nd September 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 769630

The next **Mothers' Union Bible Study** will be at St Andrew's, Old Headington, on Tuesday **20th September** at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome.

**A Film Screening of The Reluctant Convert** The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis in aid of the Church Building Development Fund. This will be on **September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm** at The Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College. Tea and coffee will be served at 2.30pm Tickets @ £15 see www.hthq.uk for more information and tickets available from https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-the-most-reluctant-convert-cs-lewis-tickets-398812417677

# St Frideswide Pilgrimage: Saturday 15 October

Join our group setting off from Holy Trinity at **1.30pm on Saturday 15 October** to walk the three miles to Christ Church Cathedral, with time for reflection as we journey with fellow pilgrims. On arrival at the Cathedral there will be prayer stations and tea in the Great Hall. The day ends with a special service for pilgrims, sung by Frideswide Voices, at 5pm. You can book a place via Eventbrite here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-frideswide-pilgrimage-2022-</u> <u>tickets-390405823327</u> or contact Emily with any questions (<u>curate@hthq.uk</u>).

**HT4U** One of the casualties of lockdown was our popular outreach to families and others in the wider community, HT4U. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this, it was an informal service held in the Coach House, which included a variety of activities for all to enjoy. Having spoken to a number of people, Laura and I think it is time to consider launching a revamped service of this style. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas on this, I would like to invite you to join a steering group to consider what this might look like, with the view to starting something new in January. Please contact Helen Dancer on 07854173016 or helen@nsolve.com and let me know when you are available to meet. I would anticipate meeting from September onwards.

**Date for Diary** The Christmas Event will be on 19 and 20 November please put these dates in your calendars now! **Fete Committee:** Derek and Margaret Taylor, Mike and Lisa Hill, Janet Foot and Linda & Howard Pearce.

**Churchyard gardening party: Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. The churchwardens have oversight of the churchyard on behalf of the PCC, and would like to extend an invitation to our whole church community to come and help with this important work on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September from **11.30-2.30pm**. All ages are welcome – no previous gardening experience needed! Unlimited tea/coffee and cake will be provided! Do bring along gardening gloves and any other equipment (e.g. secateurs) if you can.

**Asylum Welcome** are in urgent need of donations to their food bank as stocks are currently running very low. They currently provide food to over 80 adults and children on a weekly basis, distributing up to 1000 items for tinned and fresh food every week. They rely entirely on donations for their food bank and are currently particularly in need of cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. *Please put items in the crate in the porch* You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: <u>https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/</u>. Thank you for your support.

**Eco Tips** Eco Tip of the Week: If you have a gas oven, use the microwave whenever you can. It is ideal for re-heating, for cooking vegetables, economical of both time and costly energy, plus creates fewer emissions. Hilary Rollin for 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).

#### Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

#### Contact us

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