Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 18th September 2022

Words of welcome. During the first hymn, children are warmly invited to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.

Hymn 813

Please stand

Through the night of doubt and sorrow onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim, stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence o'er his ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:

One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires:

One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:

One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

> Igjennem Nat og Troengsel Bernhard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) translated by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

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.**



Let us pray: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Please stand.

Hymn 734

My soul finds rest in God alone my rock and my salvation; a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to him who hears me.

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward; everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

My soul finds rest in God alone amid the world's temptations; when evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation. Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them; the fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *O praise him...*

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely; with every day pour out my soul and he will prove his mercy. Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure, my King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for ever.

Aaron Keyes and Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 62

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel reading: Luke 16. 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was

squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Nicene Creed

Sermon

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 alorified, 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, Liz Owen. Robert Twycross. Rosemary, Pat, Gillian, Judith, Josie.

Those who have died recently:

Caroline Bailey, Bob Cattell, Jim Tallett, Margaret Field, Tony Miles. Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Roger Turrell, Edith Covey, Richard Field, Harold Luckett, Jack Spriggs.

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 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

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**. Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

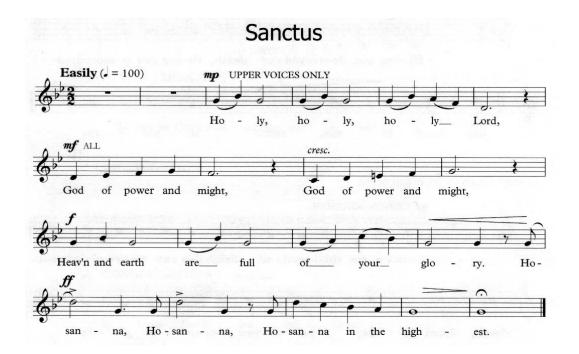
The Lord be with you and also with you.

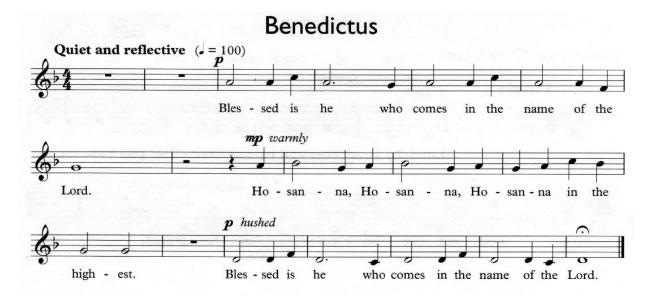
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:





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

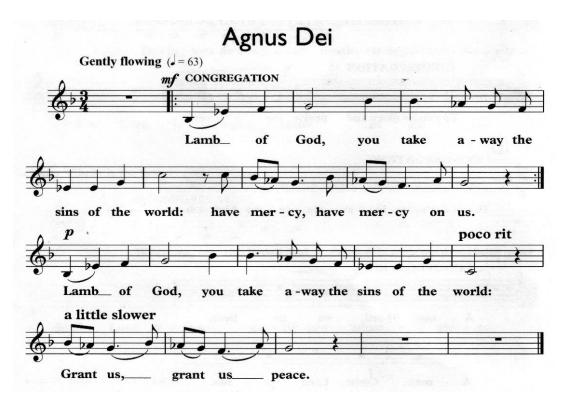
Please sit or kneel

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.



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. 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.

Choir Anthem – Bevan, There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymn 129

Lord, teach us how to pray aright with reverence and fear; though dust and ashes in thy sight, we may, we must, draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer: O grant us power to pray; and, when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way.

God of all grace, we bring to thee a broken contrite heart give what thine eye delights to see, truth in the inward part;

Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone, to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes, on Christ, on Christ alone;

Patience to watch and wait and weep, though mercy long delay; courage our fainting souls to keep, and trust thee though thou slay.

Give these, and then thy will be done; thus, strengthened with all might, we, through thy Spirit and thy Son, shall pray, and pray aright.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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

Please stand

Hymn 715

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us, Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us, self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

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: September 18th

Sunday September 18th: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School **Midweek Services** Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday Tots Service: Tuesdays 10am Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am **Sunday September 25th: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** 8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

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.

Forest Sunday School Forest Sunday School will take place every Sunday morning from **today**. Please join us during the first hymn as we go out to the woodland area for about 40 minutes. If the weather is bad, we have the option of using the Coach House, but do wear weather appropriate clothing in case we decide to brave the elements! Children of all ages are very welcome.

On **October 2nd** we will be celebrating Harvest together at an all-age service in church instead of going into the woods.

We are delighted to let you know that **Joan Walding's album of thanks and appreciation** has now been compiled and was presented to her at a very small teatime gathering at Monika's house. The album included a number of photos and cards and a painting, as well as people's appreciative words, and was further enhanced by Anna Blackwell's handwriting and decorative line drawings of plants and flowers. Joan is very pleased with it. Jan McLeod and Monika Blackwell.

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 24th at 3pm at The Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College. Tea and coffee will be served from 2.30pm. Tickets (£15) available from https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-the-most-reluctant-convertcs-lewis-tickets-398812417677

Macmillan Coffee morning on September 30th, 10-12 Sheila Allcock is once again hosting this at 3 Barton Road, Headington. Please come along and support this worthwhile charity if you can.

`Talking about C. S. Lewis ` a Reflective Study Day with the Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth, led by Colin Duriez - a writer on both Lewis and his circle – will take place on Saturday 1st October at the Quaker Meeting House, 41 St Giles, from 9.30am- 4pm. Details are on a poster on the outside church board. All are welcome.

Joint evensong with St Nicholas Old Marston, Sunday 2nd October 6pm.We will be hosting another joint evensong with the choir of St Nicholas Old Marston on 2nd October. This follows on from the joint evensong we hosted last October and the "return leg" hosted by St Nicholas in March.

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/stfrideswide-pilgrimage-2022-tickets-390405823327</u> or contact Emily with any questions (<u>curate@hthq.uk</u>).

October Tea Talks

We look forward to welcoming two fantastic speakers to Holy Trinity in October.

Saturday 15th October – 3pm.

Revd Dr Michael Ward - 'C.S. Lewis and Oxford'

Saturday 29th October – 3pm

Revd Professor William Whyte – 'The unlikely story of how Oxford invented the modern church'.

Free entry – retiring collection in aid of church building project.

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.

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: https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/. Thank you for your support.

Eco resources: Take your pick! The Autumn List gives details (and links for booking) for webinars that are new this season, also a link to a list or

previous webinars that you might have missed at the time: https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Toaster packed in? Kettle on the blink? Hedge trimmer unresponsive? Help is at hand. The Bring and Fix Café is open on Tuesdays from 10-12 at Gladstone Rd. Community Centre, OX3 8LL. Experts will fix most small electric and household items. Free parking, coffee and biscuits. (Donations welcome). For information: 07792 491350 *Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group*

Shared Knitting and Crochet (Headington) We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month (except December), at Church House, New High Street (below the Shark) from 1.30 to 3pm. We knit, crochet and chat, and we serve tea and biscuits. We have members who are not able to attend the group. We keep in touch with them, deliver yarn and collect their woolly goods. Feeling connected is an important part of our ethos. The sewing up group (new in 2022) meets in the same place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 1.30 to 3.30pm. We knit (and crochet) for local good causes The Porch (based in Magdalen Road), the JR, Oxford Baby Bank and Oxford Winter Night Shelter (based in St Clements) and also for international good causes. Membership costs £20 p.a. We supply yarn to members for £1 for 100gms. We welcome gifts of yarn (any type, however small) and needles. We look forward to seeing you. Any questions, please ask for more information: email sharedknitting@gmail.com or phone 01865 738942

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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