

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Second Sunday of Christmas

1st January 2022

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn 86

Please stand

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel!*

Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay: *Nowell...*

At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense: *Nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with his blood our life has bought: *Nowell...*

Cornish carol, possibly 18th century
adapted by Michael Perry (1942-1996)

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.

Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

(Melody: Angels from the Realms of Glory)

**Glory be to God in heaven
Peace on earth to all we sing
Heavenly king, Almighty Father
Worship, thanks and praise we bring.
Gloria in excelsis deo.
Gloria in excelsis deo.**

**Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
Lamb of God, our sins you bear.
Seated in the Father's glory,
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer.
Gloria in excelsis deo.
Gloria in excelsis deo.**

**You alone, O Christ, are holy;
You the Lord most high alone,
Jesus, with the Holy Spirit,
Reigning on the Father's throne.
Gloria in excelsis deo.
Gloria in excelsis deo**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 88

What child is this, who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
this, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him praise
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's Son is here,
his love all loves exceeding:
nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail, the Saviour comes,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him:
raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings a lullaby,
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Sermon

Revd Anne Kiggell

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

*We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:
Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar, Grace,
Bob Nind, Robert Twycross, Rosemary, Judith, Josie,
Baby Ezra, Nell Slocock, Diana Harrison, Polly Friedhoff, Evelyn Clare,
George.*

*Those who have died recently:
Jim Foot, Ian Wylie, George Self, Susan Lloyd.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
William Luckett, Ivy Sloper, Rosemary Hill, Nancy Rowlinson,
Henry Sheldon, Jeremy Herklots, Rosemary Whitman, Ronald Head,
Bryan Roberts, Bill Berryman.*

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Hymn 89

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

'the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
based on Luke 2.1-20

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

(Tune: See amid the winter's snow)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and of might.**

**All of heaven and earth are full
Of your glory, Lord most high.**

**Sing hosanna to the Lord,
Sing hosanna to our God.
Let us join creation's praise;
Let us now our voices raise.**

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, 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

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.**

We sing

(tune: The first Nowell)

**O Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world
Have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world
Have mercy on us**

**O, Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world
O grant us your peace.**

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 84

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round the virgin and her child:
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight,
glory streams from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,

Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!'

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

translated by John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.**

**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn 59

Please stand

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light: *Come and worship...*

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star: *Come and worship...*

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down: *Come and worship...*

James Montgomery (1771-1854)
from *Iris*, 1816 and *The Christmas Box*, 1825

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
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

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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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Sunday January 1st: Second Sunday of Christmas

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist *NB no Forest Service today*

NB no Evening Service

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday will resume on Monday January 9th).

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am will start back on January 10th.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday Jan 8th: Feast of the Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

2023: A time to build As we mark a new church year, we invite everyone to pray for our church building project: that 2023 would be a 'time to build':

God of vision and hope,

we thank you for our church building;

a place of prayer and pilgrimage,

witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.

We pray for our plans to develop the building

to further the work of your kingdom in this and future generations.

We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need

to bring the project to completion,

and that we would be united in vision and focus

as we work towards this goal,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. **Amen.**

Warm Welcome Space: in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm (11.30-2pm 3rd Friday of the month). No booking required just turn up. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051 or Elizabeth Knight 761476.

Prayers for Hope and Healing This online group has been meeting over the last year for a designated time of silent prayer for hope and healing of our world, with an opening reflection leading to a time of silence. In 2023, we have decided to focus on Richard Rohr's book 'The Universal Christ'. We will meet every *other* week, beginning on Thursday January 12th. Time: 8.30 - 9.00pm on Zoom. You'd be very welcome to join us if you would like to. Please email Felicity at felicity.hthq@gmail.com if you'd like to know more or to receive the Zoom link.

Call for soup makers The Gatehouse supports adults aged 25+ who are homeless, vulnerably housed, on low income and/or looking for company and community. Holy Trinity will again be providing soup for the Gatehouse - if you are able to make one or more batches of 4 litres of vegetarian soup by Sunday 8 January, please let Monika Blackwell know (mdblackwell@hotmail.com or 07880 797009). On Sunday 1 January I leave some 4 litre tubs, freezer bags, labels and instructions outside my house at 1 York Road, Headington, OX3 8NW. If you are unable to collect them please let me know and I will drop them off. Thank you - this nourishing and warming soup is very welcomed."

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, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

***We wish you all a Holy and Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year!***

As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

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

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