

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Feast of the Epiphany
8th January 2023

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: Behold, I make all things new (WGRG, Iona Community)

Words of welcome

Hymn 96

Please stand

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us confess our sins.

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.**

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

**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.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and
Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Hymn 109

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.

Our everlasting Father praise
with Christ, his well-belovèd Son,
who with the Spirit reigns serene,
eternal Trinity in One.

Community of Stanbrook Abbey

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

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

Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour.
Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

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:

Stephanie Skold, Ian Wylie, George Self, Susan Lloyd.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Bill Berryman, Frederick Young, Alvin Jeremy, Beryl Payne,
Patrick Reck, Raymond Clare, Janet Collins, Lesley Trinder,
Allan Evans-Smith, Joyce Allen.*

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Hymn 94

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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 honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
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:

Sanctus and benedictus

(St Bride setting)

Words: Liturgical traditional

Music: John L. Bell

brightly
(cantor)

1&2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
3 Bless - ed is the one who comes _____

(all)

[glo - ry] Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Bless - ed is the

God of pow'r and might,
in the name of the Lord!

ho - ly Lord, _____ God of pow'r and
one who comes _____ in the name of the

hea - ven and earth are full, _____
Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

might,
Lord! hea - ven and
Ho - san - na

are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

earth are full, in the high - est! are full of your
(v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the high - est!

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est! In the high - est!

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.**

Agnus Dei (St Bride setting)

Words: Liturgical traditional
Music: John L. Bell

slowly
(cantor)

1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the

(all)
[on us.] peace. 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the

world,
world, have mer-cy on us.
grant us your peace.

sin of the world, have mer-cy
sin of the world, grant us your

(v.3 only)
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

(v.3 only)
peace. Grant us your peace. 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.

Music group anthems: God of Peace and Justice (WGRG, Iona Community)
and Ubi Caritas (Taize)

Hymn 68

In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk
and a manger full of hay;
enough for him whom angels
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Belovèd
with a kiss.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 103

Please stand

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

The Blessing

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
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.

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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.

Sunday Jan 8th: Feast of the Epiphany

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist

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 15th: Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

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.

Christingle Services The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to thank Waitrose Headington for their very generous donation of 250 oranges for the two Christingle Services on Christmas Eve, in aid of the Children's Society. We are most grateful to them for their support.

Newsletter The deadline for the next online newsletter is Thursday 26 January. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at newsletter@hthq.uk. Thank you very much.

Warm Welcome Space: in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm (11.30-2pm 3rd Friday of the month). Please let as many people know about this as you can. 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.

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 at the back of church 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.

Headington Repair Café: Don't condemn broken tools etc to landfill! As of January 10th, the Bring and Fix Café will be back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. The last session in their temporary home at the Gladstone Rd. Community Centre OX3 8LL will be held on Tuesday 13th December. Experts offer to fix most small electric and household items. Free tea/coffee, biscuits and parking are available. A small donation is appreciated. For further information please phone: 07792 49 13 50. Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

Eco Church Resources New Year, New Eco Resources List. For a range of suggestions and links to material on topics related to Climate Change, go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> Hilary Rollin, for Eco Church Group.

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Imported food travelling by ship and requiring no refrigeration (e.g. bananas and citrus) has a much lower carbon footprint than air-freighted food needing careful packing (e.g. mangoes and avocados).
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, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

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:

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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