

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Racial Justice Sunday
Sunday 12th February 2023

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: Goodness is stronger than evil

(Words Desmond Tutu, adapted John L Bell; music John L Bell)

Words of welcome

Hymn 357

Please stand

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*William Kethe (d. 1594)
Psalm 100 in Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1560*

The Greeting

The president says

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

Amen.

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 8.22,23

Silence is kept.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,
you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives 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: Genesis 1:27, 31

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

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

Hymn

We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their makers eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed

We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.

We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r,
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.

We have a dream; our children shall be free
from judgements based on colour or on race;
free to become whatever they may be,
of their own choosing in the light of grace.

We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.

We have a dream; each valley will be raised,
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!

Tune 'Woodlands'
Adapted by Michael Forster from a speech by Martin Luther King Jr

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 5.1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Raj Patel

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, Grace,
Bob Nind, Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Baby Ezra, Diana Harrison,
Kitty Datta, Polly Friedhoff, Evelyn Clare, George, Bob Southgate,
Benji, Caroline Wilson.*

Those who have died recently:

*Frank Giles, Bidy Mason, Stephanie Skold, Ian Wylie,
Angela Faughnan.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Helen Foster, Laura Adeney, Doris Hughes.

And at the end

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

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then 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 621

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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 Eucharistic Prayer

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for you made us in your image
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.
Let the day come quickly
when the walls that separate us are broken down,
and when suffering and oppression,
racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,
until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

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

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

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

(v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the high - est!

high - est! Ho - san - na in the

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.] 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
 peace. 3 Lamb of God you take a-way the

world, have mer-cy on us.
 world, 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 anthem: Santo
(Argentina. Words: variation on traditional liturgical text. Music arranged by Iona Community, based on two-part version as taught by Pablo Sosa)

Hymn 604

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow

till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Richard A.M. Gillard (b. 1953)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Sending Out

An Act of Commitment to Racial Justice

Please stand

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets
crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of
reconciliation, serving a world in need. We are all called to the
work and ministry of racial justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation
in both word and deed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices
that keep you from loving all God's children?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons,
and value those with whom you disagree?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break
the bonds of silence?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

With the help of God, I will.

May almighty God empower us
to continue his work of reconciliation,
give us the courage to overcome fears and embody love,
give us grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity,
and strengthen us to seek the unity that is in Christ,
that we may rejoice with all God's children
as disciples of God's Son. **Amen.**

Hymn

Amen Siakudumisa!
Amen Siakudumisa!
Amen bawo. Amen bawo.
Amen Siakudumisa!

Amen, we praise your name O God!
Amen, we praise your name O God!
Amen Amen, Amen Amen

Amen, we praise your name O God!

Traditional South African: Music attributed to S.C. Molefe; as taught by George Mxadana
The Blessing

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,
so that with one voice
you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

Organ Voluntary: Grand Choeur in D major "alla Handel"
by *Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

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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.

Notices: February 12th

Sunday Feb 12th Racial Justice Sunday & The Second Sunday before Lent

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Alongside Christians throughout Britain and Ireland we mark Racial Justice Sunday: an opportunity for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination.

About our preacher Raj Patel: I became a follower of Christ with a Hindu background in 1975. In 1985 I started working for Christians for Racial Justice and have striven for anti-racism since by being a speaker and trainer, supporting victims of racism, and co-published the first work on 'black theology' in Britain in 1990 titled 'A Time to Speak'. Knowing why we should address racism is a great starting point and I often ask 'For whose sake do

you think we should address racism?' As I mature in my faith, I increasingly realise this is central to Christ's hope.

Sunday Feb 19th The Sunday before Lent

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Wed 22nd February: Ash Wednesday

10am Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Mondays at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursdays at 8.30pm (via Zoom).

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.

Faithful discernment in an age of crisis: an introduction to Ignatian spirituality

This year's Lent course offers an introduction to the riches of Ignatian spirituality. Emerging from a period of unprecedented global challenge and change, this school of prayer offers an intensely relevant wisdom for our time. How can we know God intimately and follow Christ in a complex world? What does it mean to find God in all things? How can we tune in to the wisdom of the Spirit in everyday discernment?

The course will be held on **Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm** in the Coach House, beginning **Feb 28th** and led by Margaret Whipp. Please

contact margaretwhipp@btinternet.com for any further details and to give an indication of numbers.

Pancake Party on Sunday 19th 3pm at the Coach House. Come build a pancake and help raise money for the Church Building fund this year. Please let me know if you are interested in attending (this would really help with numbers and if there are any dietary requirements) or if you would like to

help out to contribute to this fundraising effort. All are welcome and your support would be appreciated, bring friends and neighbours. For more information please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk

Reserve Drivers needed: We are building up a list of reserve drivers, who would be prepared to offer lifts to church from time to time, as need arises. This service is enormously valuable to those who would otherwise be unable to get to church. If it's something you feel able to do (or, even better, if you would like to join the regular rota of drivers), please get in touch with Anne Tarassenko: annetarassenko@hotmail.com, 07443 652082.

Advance Warning: In celebration of Fair Trade Fortnight, you can expect to find a Fair Trade stall here after the 10am. service on **March 12th**. Stock up on your favourite products and try some new ones.
Margaret Samuel and Hilary Rollin for the Eco Church Group.

Save the Date – The Parish Trip to the seaside in Bournemouth at Alum Chine is back by popular demand! Book a seat now for **17th June** leaving the Coach house at 8.30am seats are £15 each. For more information or to reserve your seat please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk For those of you who have never been on the trip this is for all ages to visit a wonderful sandy safe beach, with gardens behind, a long sea front and great facilities including a play area.

Warm Welcome Space February: in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm on **24th** with hot drinks and cake and on **17th** Soup and rolls. Please let as many people know about this as you can and take a poster to put up. No booking required just turn up. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051 or Elizabeth Knight 761476.

Oxford Citizens Listening Launch 20th March Please see the poster on the table at the back of church for more information.

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! The Bring and Fix Café is back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. 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: Check your medicine cabinet for out-of-date medicines. Rather than dump them in the bin or down the loo (where they could contaminate waterways), take them to your pharmacy which can dispose of them safely. 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.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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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