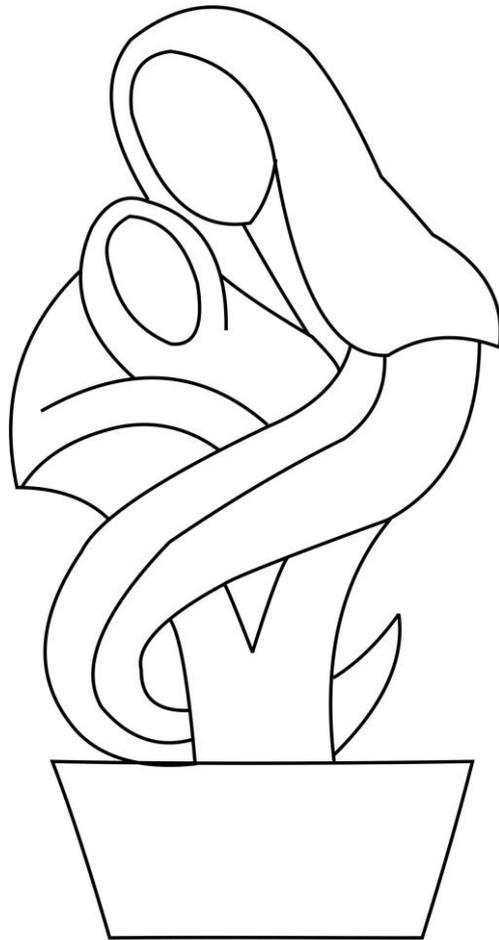


Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Mothering Sunday  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn 739**

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Nun Danket, trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

## **Greeting**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name  
to sing your praise,  
to hear your story,  
and to receive your gifts,  
fill us with your love,  
your peace and your joy.  
Amen.**

## Receiving God's Forgiveness

*Please sit*

Let us call to mind the ways in which we have  
failed to love one another as Christ loved us,  
and let us seek the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

*Silence for reflection*

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception,  
yet we fail to live as your children.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good,  
yet we seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help,  
yet we ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Prayer for the Day

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Reading** Exodus 2:2-10

The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby's older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

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

## Hymn 747

O, God, you search me, and you know me  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze  
When I walk or lie down, you are before me  
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising  
You discern my purpose from afar  
And with love everlasting, you besiege me  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord  
You have known its meaning through and through  
You are with me beyond my understanding  
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me  
Still I search for shelter from your light  
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me  
Gave me life within my mother's womb  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

## Gospel Reading

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

**Gospel Reading:** John 19:25b-27

Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

## Talk

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

### Affirmation of Faith

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

As children of a loving God  
let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and stronghold.

*This response is used*

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**

*We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:*

*Deirdre Twycross, Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Grace, Bob Nind,  
Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Diana Harrison, Kitty Datta, Polly Friedhoff,  
Evelyn Clare, Baby George, Bob Southgate, Benji, Caroline Wilson.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Roger Ramsbottom, Diana Kimberly, Ivor Beesley*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Hazel Roberts, Frank Greenwood, Enid Day, Gillian Westbury.*

Loving God, accept these our prayers,  
and through them transform us and all creation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### Hymn

As truly as our father,  
God is our mother too:  
she bore the whole creation,  
her beauty shining through.  
'I am the light and grace', she says,  
'which is all blessed love.  
From darkest void I formed you,  
the blossom and the bud'.

Our God, she is the eagle  
who shelters us from harm;  
and safe beneath her feathers  
is comfort, hope, and calm.  
'I am the unity', she says,  
as gathered 'neath her wings  
we find again, together,  
the wholeness that she brings.

Our mother God is with us  
to teach us how to be  
one world entwined together  
in all diversity.  
'I am the trinity', she says,  
'that living dance of love;  
come further in, and learn to dance  
below as we above'.

'I am the living water,  
the well within the Word.  
Your thirst is never-ending;  
your restless hearts still yearn.

'It is I that make you love', she says,  
'it is I that make you long,  
and I that call you onwards  
to your eternal home'.

In God is love eternal,  
in which we once were formed.  
Our end, as our beginning;  
the hope to which we're called.  
'I am the true eternal fulfilment of desire,  
the three-in-one, the light, the way,  
the all-consuming fire'.

Emily Hockliffe Essex, based on words by Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416)

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The President takes the bread and wine and says*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

## **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.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.

You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.  
You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**Moderato**

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord, God of\_

19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the

28 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is\_ he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na\_ in\_ the high - est.

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

*Bells are rung*

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

*Bells are rung*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, 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**

Slowly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy\_ on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_ us 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. 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 448

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**

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed  
by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*A Maori version of the Lord's Prayer, from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

## The Sending Out

### Hymn 394

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)  
based on Luke 1.46-55 (*Magnificat, The Song of Mary*)

### The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,  
strengthen us for daily life.  
May the Lord who provides for all our needs  
sustain us day by day.  
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,  
send us out to live and work for others.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with 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 collect a daffodil posy from the back of church. You are welcome to take one to remember your mother or any mothering influence in your life, or to give to someone you think would appreciate it. Our grateful thanks to Frances Farrar for making the posies.*

**Voluntary** Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - G.F. Handel

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### Notices: March 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **Sunday March 19th Mothering Sunday**

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – All Age Parish Eucharist with distribution of daffodil posies.

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Mondays at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

#### **Sunday March 26th Passion Sunday**

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

#### **2023: A time to build: Important Update**

The PCC recently discovered that plans to build a scaled back version of our church extension are not likely to be accepted by the Diocese and the Local Authority in their current form. After careful consideration, the PCC is now exploring how we can build our original extension design and carry out the West end reordering work before planning permission expires later this year. We believe a shortfall of £250,000 remains to fulfil this plan, and the PCC has started to explore the possibility of a loan (secured against the parish house on Binswood Avenue) the need for a fresh and final fundraising appeal to the congregation to help finance this. More details will follow in the weeks ahead, and we ask everybody to keep this process in their prayers:

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.

**SWWCP Spring Lecture: 'C.S Lewis and the Book of Nature'**

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 6.30-8pm, St Peter's Wolvercote. Revd Dr Laura Biron Scott will be exploring how C.S. Lewis's ideas might inform contemporary discussions of the environmental crisis: focusing on mystical and rational dimensions of his writings.

**Warm Welcome Space March:** Coffee tea and cake in the Coach House, on Fridays 10am – 12pm, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March. No booking required just turn up. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051 or Elizabeth Knight 761476.

**Fair Trade at HTHQ:** A very big thank you to all who helped make make such a success of the Fair Trade stall last Sunday, whether behind the scenes, carrying merchandise, working on the stall or stocking up on Fair Trade items. Takings amounted to an amazing £240. Margaret Samuel and Hilary Rollin, for Eco Group.

The **deadline** for the next online **newsletter** is Thursday **13 April** If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk). Thank you very much.

**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](mailto:annetarassenko@hotmail.com), 07443 652082.

**Host wanted.** A young Ukrainian woman from Zaporizhe, which is in frontline territory, is wanting to come to England preferably to Oxford where good friends from Ukraine are already living. She is 26, coming on her own, is a non-smoking vegetarian and is looking for a room for six months. For further details, please contact Elizabeth Knight.

**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](mailto: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.

**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

**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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