HOLY TRINITY

HEADINGTON QUARRY



The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd April 2023, 10am

Words of welcome

Hymn 199

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war, where colour, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, he truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 his kingdom, 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.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Acts 2. 14a 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 641i

Please stand

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage: grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: Luke 24. 13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

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

Those who have died recently:

Rachael Richmond, Chris Niblett, Bob Nind, Ivor Beesley Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Edith Clift, Zara Edwards, Alice Francombe, John Lowe, Liz Berryman, Stephen Cooper, John Sheringham.

And at the end

Merciful father accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ Amen

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you and also with you. Alleluia.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 327ii

Awake, awake: fling off the night! For God has sent a glorious light; and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, with love renewed, and with the Spirit's power endued. The light of life in us must ghlow, and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before his cross for guidance kneel; his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed. Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day; give thanks for everything alway. Lift up your hearts; with one accord praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world. **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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord! Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes; Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name. who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

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 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

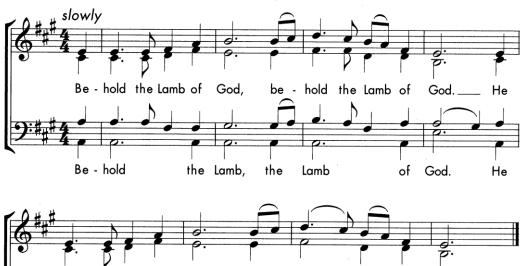
As our Saviour taught us so we pray

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.

Agnus Dei





Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 471

Please remain seated

We pray thee, heavenly Father, to hear us in thy love, and pour upon thy children the unction from above; that so in love abiding, from all defilement free, we may in pureness offer our Eucharist to thee.

Be thou our guide and helper,
O Jesus Christ, we pray;
so may we well approach thee,
if thou wilt be the Way:
thou, very Truth, hast promised
to help us in our strife,
food of the weary pilgrim,
eternal source of Life.

And thou, creator Spirit, look on us, we are thine; renew in us thy graces, upon our darkness shine; that, with thy benediction upon our souls outpoured, we may receive in gladness the body of the Lord.

O Trinity of Persons,
O Unity most high,
on thee alone relying
thy servants would draw nigh:
unworthy in our weakness,
on thee our hope is stayed,
and blessed by thy forgiveness
we will not be afraid.

Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929)

Prayer after Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Hymn 201

Please stand

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry to our King immortal, who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal; Alleluia, with the Son God the Father praising; Alleluia yet again to the Spirit raising

St. John of Damascus (c.675-c.750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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Notices: April 23rd

Sunday April 23rd: Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Sunday April 30th: Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Upcoming Special Services:

Choral Evensong – **Sunday 7th May 6pm**.

With music to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Christian Aid Week themed Eucharist - Sunday 14th May 10am

Ascension Day Eucharist – Thursday 18th May 7.30pm.

2023: A time to build: Important Update

After careful consideration, the PCC is now exploring how we can press on with our building plans before planning permission expires later this year. We believe a shortfall of £250,000 remains to fulfil our plans, and the PCC has started to explore the possibility of a loan (secured against the parish house on Binswood Avenue) and 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.

APCM and Electoral Roll update

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday May 24**th **at 7.30pm church.** This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend, but if you wish to vote or to stand for office you need to be on the parish electoral roll, our list of voting members. The electoral roll also lets us know how many members we have, which is useful in all kinds of ways. So please consider joining if you consider yourself part of our community but are not yet on the roll.

If you are already on the roll, have you moved house in the last year? If so, please let me know.

Is there anyone who needs to be removed from the roll, because they have died or moved away? If so, please let me know.

Are you not on the roll, but you would like to be? Please pick up an application from the church, or download it from the church website, fill it in and return it, either to church or direct to me, either physically or by email – you can fill in and return the form electronically, it doesn't need a physical signature if you return it by email.

Please ensure that any applications or other changes are notified to me by **today 23rd April 2023**. Thank you. Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer (electoralroll@hthq.uk)

The Parish Office please note is now closed and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday May 2nd.

Christian Aid Week 14th - 20th May

Hunger lunch Thursday 18th May at 3, Barton Road from 12 to 2pm. There will be bread and cheese with coeliac and vegan alternatives. Do bring your friends and neighbours along.

Spring Tea Saturday 20th May at the Coach House Following last year's very enjoyable event we are again going to hold a Spring Tea from **3 to 5pm** with a toy stall, plant stall, book stall, face painting and children's activities in addition to the refreshments

Please start potting up plants and looking out books and toys in good condition. They can be brought to the **Coach House on Friday**19th May between 6.30pm and 8.30pm or contact Elizabeth Knight (01865 761476) Cakes can be brought on the day from 2.30 or delivered to Elizabeth.

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.

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Do you know that one third of all food in the UK is wasted? And how much of that do you think comes from households? a) 15%.. b) 40%..c) 55%.. d) 70%. Correct answer? Hard to believe, but d) 70%.

Talk to your friends, see if you can come up with ways of reducing food waste. Next week you'll find more shocking stats, plus ways that we can reduce the food waste that globally produces more greenhouse gas emissions than all commercial flights. (Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group)

Save the Date – The Parish Trip to the seaside in Bournemouth at Alum Chine is back by popular demand! **Only 25 seats left** 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.

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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