

Introit: Magnificat anima mea - My soul praises the Lord (WGRG, Iona Community)

Words of welcome

Hymn 608

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

Christ is our corner-stone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled: on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore; and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore, until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

> John Chandler (1806-1876) based on *Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est* (Latin pre-9thc)

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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Stephen, one of the first deacons, has been brought before the Jewish authorities, whom he enrages by his testimony.

New Testament Reading: Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Hymn 204

If Christ had not been raised from death our faith would be in vain, our preaching but a waste of breath, our sin and guilt remain. But now the Lord is risen indeed; he rules in earth and heaven: his gospel meets a world of need in Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb then death would be the end, and we should face our final doom with neither guide nor friend. But now the Saviour is raised up, so when a Christian dies we mourn, yet look to God in hope in Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised his Church would live a lie; his name should nevermore be praised, his words deserve to die. But now our great Redeemer lives; through him we are restored: his word endures, his Church revives in Christ, our risen Lord.

> Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

> > Please stand

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon

Revd Anne Kiggell

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in 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, Jemima, Caroline, 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: Geoffrey Foster, Rachael Richmond, Chris Niblett, Bob Nind.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Rachael Sutton, Ivy Kimber, Diana Collins, Edwin Knight, Albert Ind.

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 799

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

> Scottish Psalter, 1650 Psalm 23

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.** 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



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.

Music Group: Don't be afraid (WGRG, Iona Community)

Hymn 435

Christian people, raise your song, chase away all grieving; sing your joy and be made strong, our Lord's life receiving; nature's gifts of wheat and vine now are set before us: as we offer bread and wine Christ comes to restore us.

Come to welcome Christ today, God's great revelation; he has pioneered the way of the new creation. Greet him, Christ our risen King gladly recognizing, as with joy we greet the spring out of winter rising.

Colin Peter Thompson (b. 1945)

Please remain seated

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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 769

Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home:

We soon shall hear the archangels voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please stand

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.**

Please remain standing for the National Anthem

Organ Voluntary:

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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. If you would like to sign up to regular monthly giving, please visit <u>www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-</u> <u>church</u> for more information.

Notices: May 7th

Sunday May 7th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.
6pm Choral Evensong to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.
In God's word will I rejoice *Purcell*Brewer Canticles in D
Byrd Responses
I was glad when they said into me *Parry*739 Now thank we all our God
576 And did those feet in ancient time (Jerusalem)
578 National Anthem
First reading: 1 Kings 3.5-10
Second reading: Ephesians 3.14-21

Sunday May 14th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School. *Christian Aid Week themed Eucharist* **Midweek Services** Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Upcoming Special Services:

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

Thursday 18th May 7.30pm. Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day joint with the choirs of St Andrews and All Saints Headington.

Sunday 4th June 10am Parish Eucharist on Trinity Sunday -Preacher is Revd Prof William Whyte

Sunday 25th June 3pm: Emily's ordination to the Priesthood at the University Church, Oxford

Sunday 2nd July 10am: Emily's first celebration of the Eucharist

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 The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday May 24th at 7.30pm in 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 so please put this date in your diary.

7th Headington Brownies and Headington Quarry Village Hall are having a Spring clear-out plus plant sale on Saturday **20th May from 9am till 1pm**, money raised will be going towards a new kitchen for the Village Hall. If you would also like to book a table to do your own spring clear-out, tables are £5 please contact Frances at <u>eventshqvh@gmail.com</u>

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.

Summer Fete 15 July 2023 please put this date in your calendars.

Last year we made a real effort to reduce the environmental impact of running the fete, in particular the problem of disposing of unsuitable donated items which had to be taken to the tip. The main problems came from Toys and White Elephant items. We would ask you again this year only to donate items which can be sold, so nothing halfused, in poor condition or out of date.

We would be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Other donations of wine for the Water to Wine or an item for the Tombola would be welcomed. Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

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: <u>annetarassenko@hotmail.com</u>, 07443 652082.

Latest Eco Resources List: For links and details of a range of webinars and other materials on environmental issues, please go tohttps://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Why not go in for No-mow May, and why not mow less all season? (Better for insects, birds AND your electricity bill!). (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 <u>frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk</u> 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, 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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