

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Sixth Sunday After Trinity

16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*Words of welcome.*

## **Hymn 387**

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

*Please stand*

Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,  
as the gospel words unfold;  
we, in all our age-long seeking,  
find no firmer truth to hold.

Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,  
heard by simple folk and wise,  
word of freedom, word of duty,  
word of life beyond our eyes.

Word of God's forgiveness granted  
to the wild or guilty soul,  
word of love that works undaunted,  
changes, heals, and makes us whole.

Speak to us, O Lord, believing,  
as we hear, the sower sows;  
may our hearts, your word receiving,  
be the good ground where it grows.

*Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)*

*The president says*

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

**The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister says*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen**

*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 God's kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Gloria

**Firmly** (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
 6 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and  
 10 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
 14 glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the  
 20 Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 25 world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the  
 29 right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* re-ceive our prayer. For  
 33 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 37 you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 41 *ff* Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

## The Collect

Merciful God,  
 you have prepared for those who love you  
 such good things as pass our understanding:  
 pour into our hearts such love toward you  
 that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
 may obtain your promises,  
 which exceed all that we can desire;  
 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.**

*Please be seated*

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **First Reading: Isaiah 55.10-13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

### **Hymn 384**

O Christ the Word incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O light of our dark sky,  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps  
shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light she lifteth  
o'er all the earth to shine;  
it is the precious treasury  
where gems of truth are stored;  
it is the heaven-drawn picture  
of Christ, the living Word.

O make thy Church, dear Saviour,  
a lamp of burnished gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light, as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

*William Walsham How (1823-1867)*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came

and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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

**Sermon**

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

**Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel. The following response may be used:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

*Natalia Stoneman, Jemima, Naomi Lawrence,  
Kate Samuel, Grace, Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Kitty Datta,  
Polly Friedhoff, Bob Southgate, Benji, Caroline Wilson.*



*Those who have died recently:*  
*Evelyn Clare, Jennifer Bayliss.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*  
*Diana Wood, Kenneth Thompson, Beryl Horwood, Eric Wood,*  
*Joyce Keen, Dorothy Carter, Olive Sheldon, Justin James Minott,*  
*Carol Wright.*

*And at the end*

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

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

To crown all things there must be love  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
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 817ii**

Timeless love! We sing the story,  
praise his wonders, tell his worth;  
love more fair than heaven's glory,  
love more firm than ancient earth!  
Tell his faithfulness abroad:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

By his faithfulness surrounded,  
north and south his hand proclaim;  
earth and heaven formed and founded,  
skies and seas, declare his Name!  
Wind and storm obey his word:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Truth and righteousness enthrone him,  
just and equal are his ways;  
more than happy, those who own him,  
more than joy, their songs of praise!  
Sun and Shield and great Reward:  
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Psalm 89.1-18*

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited 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.**

### **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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

## Sanctus

**Easily** (♩ = 100) *mp* UPPER VOICES ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

*mf* ALL *cresc.*

God of power and might, God of power and might,

*f*

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

*ff*

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Benedictus

**Quiet and reflective** (♩ = 100) *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

*mp warmly*

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

*p hushed*

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of 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.

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**

*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

**Agnus Dei**

Gently flowing (♩ = 63)

*mf* CONGREGATION

Lamb\_ of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*p* Lamb\_ of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: *poco rit*

a little slower

Grant us,\_\_\_ 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. 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 451i

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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***

*Please stand*

### **Hymn 476**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to your glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given:  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*



## The Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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.**

**Voluntary:** Sortie in Bb by Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

*Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. 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 [www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church](http://www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church) for more information.*

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## Notices: July 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

12.30 Baptism

## **Dates for Diaries:**

Hymns of Creation: Fundraising Concert at Magdalen College Chapel - Saturday 29th July 6pm **Please take a poster or A5 leaflet to display.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hymns-of-creation-tickets-619793979477>

## **2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates!**

We are delighted to announce that our loan application from Methodist Chapel Aid has been approved! This means that we now have the finance in place to complete our project.

The application process was helped considerably by the incredible generosity shown by those who have contributed towards our latest and final fundraising appeal to finance the loan. Thank you so much to all who have been able to contribute, and to everyone who has supported the process with their prayers. The total amount pledged so far is £144,000, towards a loan of £250,00. If you haven't yet been able to send in a pledge form, we would still love to hear from you! Those who have sent in pledge forms will be contacted in due course about the next steps. Please continue to hold the project in your prayers as we look to finalise the start date. As the psalmist writes: 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build it in vain' (Psalm 127.1).

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.

**The Parish Office** is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 18 July.

## **Summer Fete**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fete such a good day. We hope to have to have an initial total to declare this morning but there will be further income to follow. The completed Gift Aid forms will add to the total.

We hope you will support us at our next fundraising effort, the Christmas Event, on 18 November.

**Chief Executive Officer – The Archway Foundation** Oxford based - 32 hours flexible/hybrid working. Archway is a long established and well-respected Oxfordshire charity which stands alongside those going through periods of loneliness. It provides a pathway of support to develop positive well-being, reduce isolation and encourage increased social contact both within Archway's own services and in the wider community.

As a result of upcoming retirement, we are looking for a new CEO who is an inspirational leader, can understand and empathise with loneliness and its effects, who is passionate about making a difference to those experiencing disconnection / isolation and who has the vision to take the charity forward in response to an ever-changing set of demands. A copy of the Recruitment Pack is available on our website at:

[www.archwayfoundation.org.uk/work-with-us](http://www.archwayfoundation.org.uk/work-with-us) **Closing date for applications is Friday 25th August 2023. First interviews during second week of September.**

**Asylum Welcome** are still in urgent need of donations to their food bank as stocks are currently running very low. **Please don't leave perishable or out of date goods they can't be used.** 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 are 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.

**Latest Eco Resources List:** For links and details of a range of webinars and other materials on environmental issues, please go to <https://www.hthq.uk>

**Eco Tips** Eco Tip of the Week: Campaign for broader issues: e.g., lobby organizations about over-spaced documents resulting in wasted paper in documentation that requires printing; or suggest to shops that they replace plastic bags with paper ones. If eating out, ask for a doggie bag. In Spain it is mandatory for restaurants to offer one automatically.  
(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 overleaf) 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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