Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Eleventh Sunday After Trinity 20th August 2023

Please stand.

Hymn 366

Living God, your word has called us, summoned us to live by grace, make us one in hope and vision, as we gather in this place.

Take our searching, take our praising, take the silence of our prayer, offered up in joyful worship, springing from the love we share.

Living God, your love has called us in the name of Christ your Son, forming us to be his body, by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing, old and young and black and white, gifts and skills together sharing, in your service all unite.

Living God, your hope has called us to the world that you have made, teaching us to live for others, humble, joyful, unafraid. Give us eyes to see your presence, joy in laughter, hope in pain. In our loving, in our living, give us strength that Christ may reign.

Jan Berry (b.1953)

Please stand

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 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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 56.1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Please stand.

Hymn 679

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

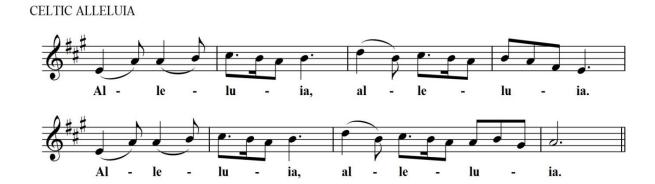
In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, close binding humankind. Join hands, then, children of the faith, whate'er your race may be; who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christlike souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham, (William Arthur Dunkerley) (1852-1941)

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



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

Gospel reading: Matthew 15.10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft,

false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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, Judith, Josie, Kitty Datta,
Polly Friedhoff, Bob Southgate, Benji, Margaret Whipp, Astrid Brooke,
Caroline Winwood, Penny.

Those who have died recently:

Rosemary Herklots, Caroline Wilson, Evelyn Clare

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Lucina Charles.

And at the end

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

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 558

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -so free, so infinite his grace -emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quickening ray;

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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:

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

Amen.

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

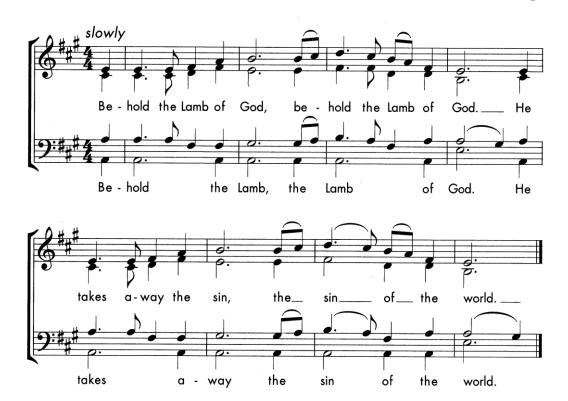
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, 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

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 448i

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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through 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 563

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets: no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too; make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too; in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets; curing those who suffer, touching those he greets. Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too; let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets, where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too; where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets, 'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.' Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few: walk one step before me, I will follow you.

John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

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: Prelude in C Major – BWV547 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please do join us for refreshments outside (or inside if raining!)
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
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Notices: August 20th
Sunday August 20th: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist 12.30 Baptism of Enola Dunsmuir

Sunday August 27th: Twelfth Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist please note that Forest Sunday School will take a break in August and return September 3rd.

Midweek Services

Please note that Morning Prayer will break during August and resume on Monday 4th September. The Lady Chapel is still set aside for quiet prayer and reflection and anyone is welcome to stop by and use the prayer resources during this time.

Mid-week communion continues as usual: Wednesdays at 10am.

2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates!

Finance 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 £116,000, 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.

If you would like to make a donation directly into our building fund account, the details are:

Account name: HTHQ Sort Code: 20-65-20. Account no: 83117634

(Please include your name as a reference)

Graves and memorials The vicar and churchwardens are keen to ensure that all those who tend graves or memorials in the churchyard are able to have any questions or concerns they have with regards to the building works answered where possible and kept in touch with the development's progress. If this applies to you or anyone else you know please let Helen in the Parish Office have the contact details so that you can be kept in touch with any relevant information. office@hthq.uk or 01865 762931 Tues - Thurs 8.30 – 12 noon only.

Prayer requests 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). We ask you all to pray especially for wisdom for our architect and contractors, and for peaceful relations with our neighbours and local residents affected by the work.

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.

Rosemary Herklots a much loved member of our congregation died on 1st August. Her funeral will be held here in church on Friday September 1st at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be offered at the Cornerstone Church in Quarry High Street after the service. Our thoughts and prayers go with her family and many friends.

Newsletter The deadline for the next online newsletter is Thursday 31 August. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at newsletter@hthq.uk. Thank you.

The Eco Group would like to share some great news. Holy Trinity has been awarded A Rocha's Eco Church Silver Award. Congratulations and thanks are due to the many church members whose efforts have brought about this wonderful result. (Hilary Rollin for Eco Group).

Stay and Play A huge thank you to Anna, Joan, Elizabeth, and all who volunteered, donated, and spread the word to make our Stay and Play sessions such a success. It was wonderful to have so many children and their parents receive such a warm welcome and have such fun together!

Date for Diary 3rd September we look forward to welcoming Bishop Steven to our Parish Eucharist at 10am as we bless the start of our building work and give thanks for the progress we have made so far. Please come along to this special service!

Evensong on Sunday 3rd September is likely to be the final evensong before the building works take place. We would like to extend the invitation to any of the congregation who would like to join the choir for this service only, even if you never have before. There will be a practice the Thursday before (31st August at 7:30pm), and before the Evensong at 4:45pm. Help, coaching and music will be provided, and the music will be taken from traditional Evensong repertoire. Please talk to Andrew Patterson, or any choir member if you are thinking about it – we would be delighted see you.

Philosophy Club After the success of the Philosophy Club and the enjoyment of those who attended the Philosophy Club is looking to start again in September. Aiming to meet once a fortnight to take a dive through various philosophers and their ideas from Anaximander and Parmenides right through to contemporary figures such as Nozick and Rawls. The course is aimed for those who have no prior knowledge of philosophy and is kept at a relaxed, informal pacing. Newcomers are more than welcome to attend, as are those who attended the first run-through of the course (there will be a few differences this time round) and there is no pressure to attend every session, if you would prefer to only dip in for the session which grab your interest you are more than welcome to do so. Sessions typically last for 1 hour consisting of a short talk introducing the topic followed by questions and discussion from the group. Exact day and time to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Richard Churchill at richardc8@msn.com

Welcome Tea: Sunday 17th September 3pm-4.30pm.

The vicar and churchwardens warmly invite you to a welcome tea on Sunday 17th September in the Vicarage garden (weather depending). This is an opportunity for new members of the church to find out more about church life in a friendly and informal setting (over tea and cake!). We are casting a wide net this time because we haven't been able to hold the event for the past few years: please contact Helen Day (office@hthq.uk) if you are able to come.

Church Flowers The flower team hope you are enjoying the flowers this summer. We come in every Friday to clear out the old ones and make new arrangements. As you may be aware we do not receive any money from the church for flowers and rely solely on donations from the congregation, and we are running very low on funds as some of our older donors are no longer with us.

We are very aware of increases in the cost of living but would welcome any donations from you. Remember that you can donate in memory of loved ones, for birthdays anniversaries etc. Please contact Margaret Woodcock on Ox. 761588 or Helen Nowicki on Ox. 434644 if you are able to donate towards the flower fund. Thank you.

Asylum Welcome *Please do not leave any fresh produce or fruit and vegetables but donate eg* 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.

Eco Resources List: To view the August/September recommended resources go to: https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/ (Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group)

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Banish cling film; make or buy bees wax wraps for wrapping sandwiches or keeping left-overs fresh (Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group)

Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, 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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