# Holy Trinity

# Headington Quarry



# Twelfth Sunday After Trinity 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Words of welcome.

Please stand.

# Hymn 691

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoner leaps to lose his chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like incense shall arise with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on psalm 72

Please stand

The president says

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Romans 12. 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Please stand.

# Hymn 506

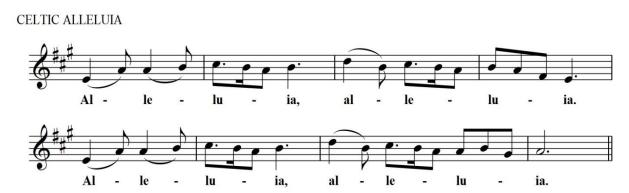
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation, by water and the word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy Bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone (1832-1900)



Gospel Reading

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

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.

# Gospel reading: Matthew 16. 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Sermon

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: Martin Davis, Jim Godfrey, Rosemary Herklots, Caroline Wilson.* 

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alexander Kouvaritakis, Pat Green, Raymond Brookes-Collins.* 

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 421

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour; none can move us from thy presence while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content; there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us; all for Jesus, thou hast died; all for Jesus, thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this the church's song must be, till, at last, we all are gathered one in love and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

# 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. **Amen.** 

# The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

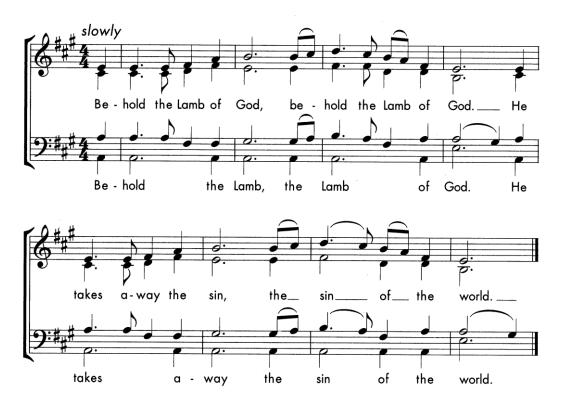
As our saviour taught us, so we pray

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**

#### 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. 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 787

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

# Prayer after Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, 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 497

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing: Christ over all, our undivided aim. Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing, wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame! We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing, the will that lacks the courage to be free, the weary labours, all but unavailing, to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing, a true repentance and a faith restored, a swift obedience and a new possessing, filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord! We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer: the living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting, true to one calling, by one vision stirred; one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting, one in the truth of Jesus and his word. So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended, one Church triumphant one new song shall sing, to praise his glory, risen and ascended, Christ over all, the everlasting King!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)* 

#### **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.

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 monthly giving, please visit <u>www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church</u> for more information.

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#### Notices: August 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>: Twelfth Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist *please note that Forest Sunday School will return September 3<sup>rd</sup>.* 

#### Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School Bishop Steven will be preaching. 6pm Choral Evensong

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am Eucharist Service: 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. <u>office@hthq.uk</u> 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.

**The flowers in church today** are in memory of my dear mother, Patricia, who died 25 years ago and is still sadly missed. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. Her love for arranging flowers, especially in church was very much part of my upbringing. ~ Diana Harrison

**Rosemary Herklots** a much loved member of our congregation died on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Her funeral will be held here in church on **Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am**. All are welcome to attend, and refreshments and a lunch buffet 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.

**Julian Group.** The September meeting will be on **Friday 1st September at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: Sheila Allcock - 769630

**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 <u>newsletter@hthq.uk</u>. Thank you.

**Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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).

**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 <u>richardc8@msn.com</u>

#### Welcome Tea: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 3pm-4.30pm.

The vicar and churchwardens warmly invite you to a welcome tea on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (<u>office@hthq.uk</u>) 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: <u>https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/</u> (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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