

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*Words of welcome.*

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

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn 630**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
Height and depth beyond description,  
only life in you can prove:  
You are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
Yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others  
we, your people, make our prayer  
help us love, as sisters, brothers  
all whose burdens we can share  
where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be  
where no selfishness can sever  
there you love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing  
wind and flame of Pentecost  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost  
may your love unite our action  
nevermore to speak alone  
God, in us, abolish faction  
God, through us, your love make known.

Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

*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**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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

#### **First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-11**

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel;  
whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them  
warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall  
surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their

ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn 629**

Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.

*Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 18. 15-20**

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

**Sermon**

Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

**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, Josie, Kitty Datta,  
Polly Friedhoff, Bob Southgate, Benji, Margaret Whipp, Astrid Brooke,  
Caroline Winwood, Penny Champion, Doreen Jarvis.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Pauline Callow, Delia Foster, Martin Davis, Jim Godfrey,  
Rosemary Herklots.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Kathleen Wootton, Christopher Bishop.*

*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 450**

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.



Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast of saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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

## **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

*slowly*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He  
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —  
takes a - way the sin of the world.

## 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 358

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*David J. Evans (b. 1957)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in 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 487**

Christ is the one who calls,  
the one who loved and came,  
to whom by right it falls  
to bear the highest Name:  
and still today  
our hearts are stirred  
to hear his word  
and walk his way.

Christ is the one who seeks,  
to whom our souls are known.  
The word of love he speaks  
can wake a heart of stone;  
for at that sound  
the blind can see,  
the slave is free,  
the lost are found.

Christ is the one who sends,  
his story to declare;  
who calls his servants friends  
and gives them news to share.  
His truth proclaim  
in all the earth,  
his matchless worth  
and saving Name.

*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 [www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church](http://www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church) for more  
information.*

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## Notices: September 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School.

### **Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

10am Baptism of Enid Hill

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

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

**Start date** Our anticipated start date for the building work is **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. The work is expected to take nine months, and we hope to remain in the church building for as much of this time as possible. We hope to share regular updates on the progress of the work via the notices and email list.

#### **Finance**

We are able to forwards with our project thanks to the generous support of individual donors, grant bodies, and a loan from Methodist Chapel Aid. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising campaign, and to everyone who has supported the process with their prayers. We still need to raise money to repay our loan, and so our fundraising will continue for as long as needed. If you haven't yet been able to send in a pledge form, we would love to hear from you! We hope that everyone who has sent in a pledge has now been contacted. Please do contact David Knight in the first instance (contact details from the parish office) if you have not heard about this.

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](mailto:office@hthq.uk) or 762931 Tues - Thurs 8.30 – 12 noon only.



**Prayer requests** Please continue to hold the project in your prayers. 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.

**Welcome Tea: Next 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 Laura or Emily if you are able to come.

**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).

**Save the Date: Autumn Talks Series - Environment Matters.**

**Weds 13 September:** Brown Ground to Green House: Fulfilling a Life Dream David and Jenny Bird relate their experience of building an eco house.

**Weds 11 October:** Extraordinary Shotover: History, Flora, Fauna and Climate Change. Jim Woods of Shotover Preservation Society entertains us with a wealth of fascinating information.

Venue for both talks: 7.30 in the Coach House, Quarry Road, Headington, OX3 8NU. Do please come, and bring friends. Details of subsequent talks will follow. Hilary Rollin (for Holy Trinity Eco Group)

**The Parish Office** is closed and will reopen on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Light Lunch @ The Coach House**, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September (11.30PM-1.30PM). Soup and Bacon Roll. Free - but donations welcome. Sponsored by Quarry WI, Holy Trinity Church. All welcome!

**Autumn Churchyard Tidy up Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12noon.**

We welcome anyone who feels they can help on this day (even for an hour) with weeding and tidying some graves and also Ivy off the walls. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be provided for a break.

Please let either Margaret or Janet (Wardens ) know, or if you have any questions. Otherwise just turn up if you can and help us to try and maintain the peaceful church yard that we have.

**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: Buy natural fibre clothing and soft furnishings, thereby avoiding the tiny plastic fragments that polyester and nylon shed into the environment, and which remain there. (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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