

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



*Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity*

*8<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

*Words of welcome.*

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

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn 626**

Father in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive  
of thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song,  
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,  
let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee  
for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed  
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry: 'Salvation to our God,  
salvation to the Lamb!'

Spirit of holiness,  
let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless  
thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell  
thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable,  
the beatific sight.

Eternal triune Lord!  
Let all the hosts above,  
let all the sons of men, record  
and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled  
before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made  
thine everlasting praise

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*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 and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.**

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 5. 1-7**

*Please be seated*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn 144**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give His only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that led him there  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life --  
I know that 'it is finished.'

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963)*

## **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 21. 33-end**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

**Sermon**

Revd Peter Boulton-Lea

**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.**

*Please 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:*

*Delia Foster, Martin Davis, Jim Godfrey.*

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

*Clare Ritchie, Agnes Day, Lorna Wallace, Albert Baker,  
Maisie Campbell. s*

*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 489**

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

## **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.**

*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 592

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and you are my Brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956)*

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**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 678**

In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! -- who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was satisfied --  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine --  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)*

## **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: October 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesdays at 9am in the Coach House until further notice.

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am. We intend to continue meeting in the church building, but there will be no post-service refreshments.

### **Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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

We are so thankful that our building work begins tomorrow! Please note that the church path will not be in use between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, and the Coach House car park will not be in use during the project. Toilet facilities and post-church coffee will be at the Coach House. If access to the vestry toilet becomes possible at any stage of the project, and likewise with post-church coffee, we will let people know, but we are preparing for the maximum possible disruption at this stage.

Please take a moment today to enjoy our beautiful church building, and to give thanks for its future development. You may wish to take some photos after the service. Although it will look and feel quite different over the coming months of building work, we remember that we have laboured for a very long time to bring these plans to fruition, and we all look forward in faith and hope to the completion of the works in 2024.

## **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)

**Project Communications** All those currently subscribed to our church newsletter will be automatically added to the google group mailing list we have set up for the project. Otherwise, you can join as follows: if you have a Google account, you can subscribe to HTHQ building project updates by visiting <https://groups.google.com/g/hthq-building-project-updates/> and clicking "Join group". If you don't have a Google account, please send an email to [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk) with the subject "Subscribe to HTHQ building project updates", and we will add you to the group. The building project email address is: [hthq.buildings@gmail.com](mailto:hthq.buildings@gmail.com)

**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 to wards this goal,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

There will be a **Fair Trade stall today** in church.

For sale there will be delicious chocolates and biscuits and other good things to eat and as an added bonus you can feel virtuous buying them as you will be supporting Fair Trade. We will also be selling tea and coffee and health and beauty products. You can pay with cards or cash so come and be tempted and buy.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning.** Sadly there was quite a low turnout on the day and we raised considerably less than usual for this cancer charity. I won't send off the money yet so if anyone else would like to contribute I'd be very grateful. Sheila Allcock 01865-789630

**Frideswide Pilgrimage** on Saturday **14 October**: Emily will be leading a group from Holy Trinity Church, setting off at 12.30pm, to our Cathedral where there will be activities, tea in the Great Hall, and a pilgrim service. Book a place here: [www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage)

**Scratch choir:** Over the coming weeks we are hoping to gather our more confident singers together to help lead us in our communion hymn. If you are willing to help, please give your name to Helen Day.

**Save the Date:** The next two talks in the Autumn Eco Talks Series will be 'Extraordinary Shotover: History, Flora, Fauna and Climate Change' by Jim Woods of Shotover Preservation Society on **Weds. October 11th**, and 'C.S. Lewis and The Book of Nature' by Revd Laura Biron-Scott and Revd Rob Gilbert on **Weds. November 15th**. This will be in The Coach House, 46 Quarry Rd. at 7.30, followed by refreshments. Hilary Rollin (for Holy Trinity Eco Group).

**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 Autumn recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>  
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

**Eco Tips** Eco Tip of the Week: The cost of living crisis has brought about a wave of interest in cleaning tricks that can save money. Whereas many cleaning products come in plastic, and specialise in cleaning a specific surface, white vinegar is multipurpose, non-toxic, eco-friendly, and can cost as little as 30p for around 550 ml. Try pouring boiling vinegar over the shower and washbasin; brilliant also on windows. (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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