

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Last Sunday after Trinity

29th October 2023

Words of welcome.

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

Please stand.

Hymn 810

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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: Leviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18

Please be seated

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

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

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 22. 34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

Please pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

*Natalia Stoneman, 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.

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Jennifer Croxford, Samantha Kent, Alfred Ramsey,
Marian Simmons, Anthony Sims, Janet Munday.*

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 390

Thanks to God whose word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate
glorified the flesh of man;
deeds and words and death and rising
tell the grace in heaven's plan.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word was written
in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation
showing God to every age.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is published
in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished
by the change of time or place.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking:
praise him for his open word.

R.T. Brooks (1918-1985)

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking is 'slowly'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

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.

With the North aisle inaccessible, you will be directed down and back up the central aisle. To make this as smooth as possible, please allow everyone in your pew to come out before queueing. Those sitting towards the back on each side will be invited to come forwards first.

If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. 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.

Music during communion: Jesus Christ, bread of life (Taizé)

Please join in with the chant as it repeats.

The image shows a musical score for two parts of a chant. The first part is in 4/4 time, key of D major, and starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger." The second part starts at measure 5, also in 4/4 time, key of D major. It begins with a *dim.* (diminuendo) dynamic and ends with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second part.

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 741

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon Your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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 in the Coach House via the Quarry Road path.

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 for more information.

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Notices: October 29th

Sunday October 29th: Twenty first 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 November 5th: All Saints' Day

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School
with baptism of Kate Samuel

5pm All Souls Service

All Souls: A service to remember will be held on 5 November at 5pm *please note the new time. Toilets will be available at the Coach house if the church one is not available.* Please let Helen Day know in the Parish Office of any names you wish to have read out during the service. There is also a list to sign at the back of church.

2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates!

We are so thankful that our building work has started! 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.

Although the church 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 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

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.

Request for volunteers: during our building work, we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare for Sunday worship by cleaning the building of dust on a Saturday. Work will be done in pairs. If you are willing to join our team of 'Holy Dusters' please let churchwardens Janet or Margaret know.

Julian Group. The October meeting will be on **Friday 3rd November 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 01865-769630**

Calling all singers There will be a joint carol service with All Saints Headington - 6pm on Sunday 17th December at All Saints Highfield. Rehearsals are on Friday evenings at 8pm at All Saints, probably starting Christmas music from Friday November 24th onwards. We will be in touch further about the music list and with further details. We hope lots of our singers will be able to join! Please email Helen Day office@hthq.uk if interested in taking part or want to know more.

The Christmas Event will be held on Saturday 18 November, 2-4 pm at the Coach House. We especially need large home-made cakes, puddings, biscuits and jams for the Cake Stall and Refreshments; new, quality items for the Gifts and Toiletries Stalls; and donations for the Raffle. Also donations of plants, books and children's toys welcomed. Please note that we are unable to take opened or damaged goods. Items may be dropped off at the Coach House on Friday 17th November, in the morning between 10 am–1 pm or on the Saturday morning from 10 am. Gift Aid forms will be available and can help make your donations go further, so do consider filling one in. The Event will continue in the Coach House from 11.30am -12.30pm on Sunday 19 November, after the 10 am service. Fete Committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa Hill (768077), Janet Foot (762450) and Linda & Howard Pearce (765003).

Save the Date: The next talk in the Autumn Eco Talks Series will be '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).

This notice comes from St Matthew's Church:

The Oxford Passion Play 2024 Do Come And Join Us!

Following our highly successful Passion Play last year we're planning a new outdoor performance on Easter Saturday, March 30th 2024 in Hinksey Park, based on Carolyn Lloyd Davies' play, "*And A Sword Shall Pierce Your Soul*". We need **actors, extras and back stage crew** – and anyone who would like to join our friendly, creative group. All volunteers from the community, regardless of background, faith, heritage, experienced in theatre or absolutely no experience! All really welcome!

Interested? Come along to our first Launch Session on Nov 12th at 2.30pm to meet everyone and enjoy some workshops, discussions and refreshments.

Where: St Matthew's Church, 63 Marlborough Rd, Oxford OX1 4LW

When: Sunday, Nov 12th, at 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Interested but need more information?

Contact producers: Jo (j.hutchence@btopenworld.com) or Carolyn (clloyddavies@msn.com)

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: Herbal teas: be sustainable, avoid the packaging ... make your own teas from e. g. mint leaves, lemon slices,

ginger, water and a spoonful of honey. (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:

Contact us

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