

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

Welcome to Holy Trinity Headington Quarry—the ‘village’ church in the city. Wherever you are on your walk with God, we hope you will feel welcome here. If you have questions or need help with anything, please speak to one of the welcomers at the door. It’s easy to worry about what to do in church, but the most important thing is that you find time to be with God. The words of the service are in this booklet—please join in the responses in **bold**.

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and joyful preparation. It anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: as the Christ-child in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for Christ’s Coming among us.

As we keep this time of watching and waiting, may we become more deeply aware of the presence of Christ in the quietness and in the darkness—and may the Holy Spirit prompt us to a loving awareness of the presence of Christ in unexpected places and situations.

A prayer as you prepare for worship:

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you
a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(St Benedict, 480-543)

Music before the service: Veni Emmanuel, Noel Rawsthorne

Words of welcome. After we light the Advent wreath, children are welcome to join the Forest Sunday school taking place

Hymn 30

Please stand

Come thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone:
by thy all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The president says

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath.

Advent 2: Prophet voices (Hymn 26)

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message—challenged, shaken—
hearts awaken: God is near!**

After the candle is lit:

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light
Jesus is the light of the world
A light no darkness can ever put out.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon introduces the prayers of penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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.**

Kyrie

Andante

10 Organ

mp Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. *mf* Christ have

mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

The president says

The almighty and merciful Lord
 grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins
 time for amendment of life,
 and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
 purify our hearts and minds,
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
 judge and saviour
 we may be ready to receive him,
 who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

We repeat the chant (600) as the gospel book is carried forwards:

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

The gospel is announced

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

Gospel reading: Mark 1. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

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

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in our coming Lord

**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. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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

*Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Tim, Kate Samuel,
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Bob Southgate, Benji,
Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Penny Champion.*

Those who have died recently:

David Prince, Iris Kemp, Carol Morgan, Janne Goble.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Alan Carter, Jean Berryman, Isobel Hodgson.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Hymn 46

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with the tempo marking 'Moderato' and a dynamic marking of 'mp'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes dynamic markings of 'mf' and 'ff' and includes measure numbers 10, 19, and 28.

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
28 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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.

Deacon: Christ is the bread of life:

Moderato **Acclamation**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your
 death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy_ on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant_ us peace.

Invitation to 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.

Hymn 38

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
 'cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

*Edward Caswall (1814-1878
based on Vox clama ecce intonate, (Latin, 5th or 6th century)*

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn 41

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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

A minister says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary - Prelude in C Minor (BWV546), J. S. Bach

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: Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesdays at 9am in the Coach House **until December 19th** and will resume on Monday **January 8th**.

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

Sunday December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent with Nativity and Carol Services

8am Holy Communion

10am All- Age Eucharist celebrating together the birth of Jesus

6pm Joint Carol Service at All Saints Headington

Upcoming Christmas Services:

Sunday December 17th:

10am All-Age Nativity Service Bring friends and family to celebrate altogether the birth of Jesus.

6pm Joint Carol Service at All Saints Headington Revd Emily will be taking this service and our choir and congregations will join together for this special service of lessons and carols for Christmas, at All Saints Church, Lime Walk, Headington. There will be refreshments after the service.

Sunday 24th December: 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

8am Said Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm Christingle Services

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

8am Said Communion

10am Family Eucharist

Housekeeping matters during the building work: Please kindly note that toilet facilities are available at the Coach House, and the vestry is now strictly out of use. Seating is more restricted inside the church - please be considerate when choosing a pew, and allow space for latecomers if possible (**please consider filling up from the front!**). The back pews are reserved for children and families attending Sunday school. In the event of an emergency, fire exits are at the main church door and the chancel door. As the colder months approach please remember to wrap up warm when you come to church. With the north aisle boxing we don't have the full benefit of the church heating. Fleece blankets are available from the welcomers if needed!

2023: A time to build We are so grateful that the building work is progressing smoothly and to plan! 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. 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.

Project Finance 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 are still fundraising for the project and welcome pledges, donations, and contributions towards the project. 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)

Christmas Charity Collections As we approach the Christmas season we encourage you to give what you can to support our four PCC charities - the Archway Foundation, the Oxfordshire Homeless Movement, Christians Against Poverty, and Wateraid UK. The PCC is not able to meet the donation budgeted for in 2023 from our current funds, and we are making a Christmas Charity appeal to reduce the shortfall. Collections will be taken at all services from December 17th through to December 31st. (Please note that the Christingle Services on Dec 24th will support the Children's Society as usual)

Welcome to Andrena. Many of you will know Andrena Palmer who is the outreach worker at Collinwood Road United Reformed Church. Andrena recently trained as a Church Army Evangelist which is a special form of lay ministry linked to the Anglican church. As part of her ministry, Andrena will be working on some midweek ecumenical projects between our two churches, and will be around very occasionally on Sundays too. Andrena will receive her licence from the Archdeacon of Oxford at the **10am Eucharist service on Wednesday 3rd January.** Please come along to support her!

Pathways Magazine The latest edition of Pathways (Diocesan Magazine) is available to take away at the back of church.

New Bible Study Group Do you find studying the Bible on your own difficult? I know I do, I feel God is leading me to start a Bible Study group in my home in Headington. If you are interested and want to know more please contact me: margaretatbodsey@gmail.com or 01865 761718. I look forward to hearing from you, Margaret Jackson.

Eco Resources List: To view the Autumn recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

Eco Tip of the Week: Maybe you will be having guests and want to have matching table decorations which 'must have' matching vases. Don't rush out to buy more vases! Collect the appropriate number of tins from e. g. chick peas or tinned tomatoes, clean them thoroughly and decorate with attractive tissue paper and ribbons co-ordinating with the flowers. (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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