

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



All-Age Candlemas Service

28th January 2024

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn 113

Please stand

When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

A glory dawns...

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offering two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

A glory dawns...

But Anna and Simeon recognise there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

A glory dawns...

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

A glory dawns...

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

A glory dawns...

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

A glory dawns...

Elizabeth J. Cosnett (b. 1936)

Gathering Prayer

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name
to sing your praise,
to hear your story,
and to receive your gifts,
fill us with your love,
your peace and your joy.
Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

A minister says

Jesus said:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and ask God's forgiveness.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,
and pour upon you the healing spirit
of love, peace and gentleness.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen

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Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen

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Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

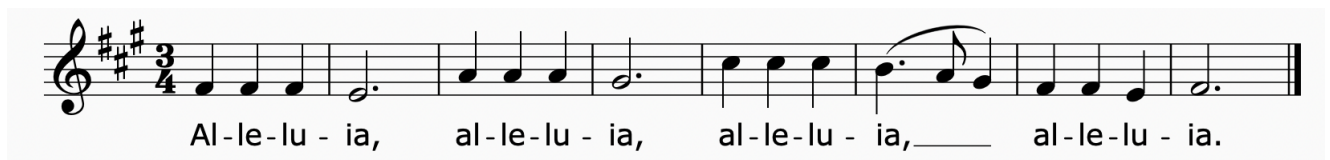
The Prayer for the Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

Please remain standing. We repeat the refrain.



The gospel is announced:

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

Gospel reading: Luke 2. 22, 25-40

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area.

Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word,
because my eyes have seen your salvation.
You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples.

It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, who belonged to the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After she married, she lived with her husband for seven years. She was now an 84-year-old widow. She never left the temple area but worshipped God with fasting and prayer night and day. She approached at that very moment and began to praise God and to speak about Jesus to everyone who was looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. The child grew up and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was on him.

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

Talk

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

God of love

Hear our prayer

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

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

Those who have died recently:

*Gwynneth Knight, Carol Morgan, Janne Goble, Peter Keen,
June Masters, Tim Brighthouse.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Douglas Kirkby, Margaret Cousins.

And at the end

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high has broken upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 719

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen.**

Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Tune: 'Nicaea'

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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. 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. 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 396

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my string tow'r:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th century, tr. Mary E. Byrne & Eleanor H. Hull

Blessing of candles

We light our candles as we pray:

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe.

Blessed be God for ever.

Your light shines on us
and all peoples shall see your glory.

Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,
bearing witness to your truth.

Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

At our baptisms, we were charged to shine as lights in the world. By the light of these candles, may we renew our commitment to take the light of Christ into the world through lives of integrity, compassion and service.

Hymn 483

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God,
etc.

We are moving in the power of God,
etc.

Xhosa (South African) traditional hymn
v.1 Anders Nyberg (b. 1955)
vv. 2, 3 Andrew Maries (b. 1949)

Sending out

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

May Christ the light of the world shine in our hearts,
lighten our darkness,
and guide our feet into the way of peace,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.**

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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.

Notices: 28th January 2024

Sunday Jan 28th: Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist for Candlemas

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday Feb 4th: The Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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!

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.

Christmas HTHQ Charity collections appeal for our nominated charities Local: The Archway Foundation and The Oxfordshire Homeless Movement and International: Christians Against Poverty and WaterAid UK received in total £1,294.67 over all the services. In addition £500 was given directly to the Charities by people who wished to include Gift Aid. This means that with the £250 given to each charity this year by the PCC, each Charity has received a donation of £573.65 each.

Julian Group. The February meeting will be on **Friday 2nd February 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 have tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**

Pancake Party on Sunday 11 February at 3pm in the coach house open to everyone to come a build a pancake donations will go towards the building fund RSVP would be helpful just so we know for numbers and any allergens frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk Thank you and see you there!

Save the Date – Back by popular demand the coach has been booked for the **annual parish day out at Alum Chine Bournemouth on 22nd June** seats will be £20 each to book your seat or for more information about this All Age wonderful day please email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk

Lent Resources

Lent begins on **Wed 14th February** (Ash Wednesday). We will mark this with a Eucharist at 10am (with imposition of ashes). We will not hold a choral service this year, but you are warmly invited to attend the service at Christ Church Cathedral (at 6pm).

This year's Diocesan 'Come and See' course is entitled: The Way of Love. Everyone who registers will receive a daily short email to reflect on, and a weekly short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail. The materials are suitable both for those who are exploring faith for the first time and those with an established faith. There are also special materials for family groups and schools. You can sign up here: <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

If you would like a book to help deepen your life of prayer during Lent, Revd Laura recommends: *The Way of Ignatius: A Prayer Journey through Lent*, by Gemma Simmonds. If you are interested in meeting to discuss the book, please get in touch with Laura: we may set up a group meeting midway through Lent to share our reflections together.

This week's Eco Tips: Around a third of the food produced globally is wasted. Bananas are among our most wasted food products, UK households throwing away 920,000 every day. Why not freeze over-ripe bananas in chunks for an instant 'ice cream' then blend with a little peanut butter; or mash, freeze and make into banana bread or banana pancakes. Still on the theme of rescuing items from the fruit bowl; that lonely apple or pear, chopped up and heated in a saucepan with a little butter, brown sugar and cinnamon, will make an ace porridge topper. *Hilary Rollin, Eco 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 on back page) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, or Anne Tarassenko.



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IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Racial Justice Sunday

Parish Eucharist

Sunday 11 February
at 10am

All are welcome.



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Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion with the
Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday 14 February
at 10am

All are welcome.

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*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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