

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



*The Third Sunday of Epiphany*

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024*

## ***The Gathering***

*Words of welcome*

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

### **Hymn 671**

I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross of Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me --  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me --  
sing it with his saints in glory  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)*

*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*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus 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.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
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**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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: Revelation 14:17-20**

When I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;  
to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

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

### **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*



*The Gospel is announced.*

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

### **Gospel reading: John 2. 1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'

And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**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*

Lord, in your mercy.  
**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, Penny Champion.*

*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:*

*David Saville, Robert Oliver, Peter Hughes, Dennis Dymond,  
Biddy Mason.*

*And at the end*

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

## The Peace

*Please stand*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to 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.

*All may exchange a sign of Peace.*

## Hymn 669

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast':  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live':  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright':  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till travelling days are done.

*Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)*

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**



*Please sit or stand 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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:

for at this time we celebrate your glory

made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi

the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism

Jesus was revealed as the Christ,

the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine

the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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'

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

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.**

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'slowly'. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He takes a-way the sin, the sin — of — the world. —'.

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 775

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu-, alleluia:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;  
Allelu-, alleluia:

*Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## ***The Sending Out***

### **Hymn 748**

*Please stand*

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
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**

We have seen his glory,  
the glory revealed to all the nations.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Voluntary:** Fugue in G Major ("Gigue") BWV 577 : *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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

## **Notices: Baptism of Christ**

### **Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Baptism of Christ**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

### **Midweek Services**

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

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

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**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.

**Tots morning:** our next tots morning takes place in the Coach House next **Tuesday 23 January**. Children below school age are welcome to join for stay & play 10am-11.15am with the option to stay for a Bible story and prayers 11.15am-11.30am. Contact Emily for more information.

**New Newsletter** The deadline for the next online newsletter is Thursday **25 January**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk). Thank you very much.

**Pancake Party on Sunday 11 February at 3pm** in the coach house open to everyone to come and 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](mailto: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](mailto:frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk)

**Christingles** the three services on Christmas Eve raised £500 for the Childrens Society. Our thanks to all those who helped make the Christingles and for those who supported the services, and finally to Waitrose Headington for their generous donation of 170 oranges.

**Gatehouse appeal:** The Gatehouse supports adults aged 25+ who are homeless, vulnerably housed, on low income and/or looking for company and community. Holy Trinity will again be providing soup for the Gatehouse - if you are able to make one or more batches of 2 litres of vegetarian soup by Sunday 15 January, please let Monika Blackwell know



([mdblackwell@hotmail.com](mailto:mdblackwell@hotmail.com) or 07880 797009).

From Sunday 7 January I will leave some freezer bags, labels and instructions outside my house at 1 York Road, Headington, OX3 8NW. If you are unable to collect them please let me know and I will drop them off. Thank you - this nourishing and warming soup is very welcomed.

### **Lent Resources**

Lent begins on **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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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# CANDLEMAS

All-Age Eucharist

Sunday 28 January  
at 10am

All are welcome.



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# Racial Justice Sunday

## Parish Eucharist

Sunday 11 February  
at 10am

All are welcome.

**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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