

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Racial Justice Sunday
Sunday 11th February 2024

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: God welcomes all

(Words: John L Bell; Music: South African traditional)

Words of welcome

Hymn

Please stand

We have a dream: this nation will arise,
and truly live according to its creed,
that all are equal in their makers eyes,
and none shall suffer through another's greed

We have a dream that one day we shall see
a world of justice, truth and equity,
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free
will share the banquet of community.

We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r,
once made infertile by oppression's heat,
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.

We have a dream; our children shall be free
from judgements based on colour or on race;
free to become whatever they may be,
of their own choosing in the light of grace.

We have a dream that truth will overcome
the fear and anger of our present day;
that black and white will share a common home,
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.

We have a dream; each valley will be raised,
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;
then shall creation echo perfect praise,
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!

Adapted by Michael Forster from a speech by Martin Luther King Jr

The Greeting

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Threefold One, Holy Community of Love,
We give You thanks and praise
for all that You have done for us.
For the joy of family and friends,
and the refreshing we find in the company of others.
For the beauty and nourishment
that revives us in our interaction with creation.
For the inspiration and challenge
brought to us by the arts and culture.
For the continuing service
of those who have a vision for a better future.
For the beauty and diversity that enrich us
when we open ourselves to the gift of difference.
God, we raise our voices in thanks to You.

**How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity.**

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
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

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
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

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
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God,
you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3. 9-12, 14-15

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

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

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Raise the Gos-pel o-ver the earth!

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Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Peace and jus-tice bring-ing to birth!

Hymn 556

The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as

yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

Sermon

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

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, Enid Owens, Andrew Allcock.*

Those who have died recently:

Gwynneth Knight, Janne Goble, June Masters, Tim Brighthouse.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Joan Hancock, Ronald Lygo, Ivor Beesley, Geoffrey Foster,
Helen Foster, Laura Adeney.*

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

Yet we have failed in ways we did not care to know.

cf Micah 6.8

Let us come before the God who restores the broken
and confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
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 569i

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for you made us in your image
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.
Let the day come quickly
when the walls that separate us are broken down,
and when suffering and oppression,
racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,
until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

brightly
(cantor)

1&2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
3 Bless - ed is the one who comes _____

(all)

[glo - ry] Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Bless - ed is the

God of pow'r and might,
in the name of the Lord!

ho - ly Lord, _____
one who comes _____ God of pow'r and
in the name of the

hea - ven and earth are full, _____
 Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____
 might, hea - ven and
 Lord! Ho - san - na
 are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 earth are full, _____ are full of your
 in the high - est! _____ (v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the
 (v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 high - est! Ho - san - na in the
 Ho - san - na in the high - est! In the high - est!
 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.

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.**

slowly
(cantor)

1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the

(all)
[on us.] peace. 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the

world, have___ mer - cy on us.
world, grant___ us your peace.

sin of the world, have___ mer - cy
sin of the world, grant___ us your

(v.3 only)
Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

(v.3 only)
peace. Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

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.

Music group songs: God bless to us our bread (Words & Music: Federico Pagura Argentina, arr. John L. Bell) and Come bring your burdens to God (South African traditional, arr. Welile Sigabi)

Hymn 557

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Blessed God,
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

An Act of Commitment to Racial Justice

Please stand

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. We are all called to the work and ministry of racial justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you from loving all God's children?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, and value those with whom you disagree?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break the bonds of silence?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

With the help of God, I will.

May almighty God empower us to continue his work of reconciliation, give us the courage to overcome fears and embody love, give us grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity, and strengthen us to seek the unity that is in Christ, that we may rejoice with all God's children as disciples of God's Son.

Amen.

Hymn

*First verse sung by Music Group only.
Please join in with verses 2 and 3.*

*Ka mana 'o 'i 'o, o ko ka- kou akua,
faithful, faithful is our God.
Ka mana 'o 'i 'o, o ko ka- kou akua,
faithful, faithful is our God.*

In love there is no one more faithful than our God,
who brings the light into our darkness,
the God who shares the breath of life in you and me,
all living things upon the earth.

In quiet moments God whispers tenderly
the mystery of unending love,
for God is good and holds us as we sleep
then wakes us with the morning light.

The mercy of our God is ours to share each day,
to help each other on our way,
to be God's hands and heart, God's tenderness and care,
God's faithful people in the world.

Joe Camacho (Hawaii), arr. John L. Bell

The Blessing

The blessing of God the Father,
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;
of God the Son,
who bought us for God from every tribe and language and
people and nation;
and of God the Spirit,
who brings us together in unity,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music Group Extroit: We will walk with God (Swaziland/Eswatini
traditional)

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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.

Notices: 11th February 2024

Sunday Feb 11th: Racial Justice Sunday

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

Sunday Feb 18th: First Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

Wednesday Feb 14th: Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

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.

Pancake Party TODAY 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!

Tea at the Coach House on Saturday 17th February 2.30 – 4pm.
Do come and enjoy a get together over a cup of tea and cake and bring a friend as well, We are planning to have some local entertainment as well. Any offer of cake would be most welcome.
Contact or speak to – Margaret or Janet (church wardens)

Tots Morning – Our next tots morning will be held on Tuesday **12th March at 10am in the Coach House.**

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: Save food to save the planet. Although 81% of UK citizens said in a Love Food Hate Waste Survey that they are concerned about climate change, only 32% see a clear link with food waste. UK households throw away 6.6 million tonnes of food a year, the equivalent per family of 8 meals per week. Share with friends and family your tips for avoiding food waste. *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.

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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