

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry

A Journey  through Lent

The Third Sunday of Lent

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

## ***The Gathering***

*Introit:* Mayenziwe (South Africa)

Words: from the Lord's Prayer

Music: Traditional, as taught by George Mxadana

*Words of welcome.*

## **Hymn 702**

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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

*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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

**Kyrie**

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**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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: 1 Corinthians 18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand.*

Refrain

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-iour, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;

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1. 2.

Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ! Christ!

10 Verse

You are the Word whocalls us out of dark-ness;you are the Word who leadsus in-to light;

14 D.C.

you are theWord who brings us through the de-sert: glo-ry to you, Lord Je- sus Christ!

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

### **Gospel reading: John 2.13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was

raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

**Sermon**

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*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:*

*Bishop Alan Wilson, Gwynneth Knight, Janne Goble.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Isabella Barlow, Joyce Wright, Sally Clare, Adrian Phipps,  
Jack Stoneman.*

*And at the end*

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

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
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 258**

O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

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

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Moderato*

10 *mp* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord, God of\_

19 *mf* power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the -

28 *ff* 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.

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.

*Deacon:* Christ is the bread of life

**Acclamation**

*Moderato* *mp*

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**

8 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

15 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_ us 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: Lo, I am with you *Iona Community*

### **Hymn 427**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us: and we remember  
the promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
torn for you: eat and remember  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you: drink and remember  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as his Body here on earth.  
As we share in his suffering,  
we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

*Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ***The Sending Out***

### **Hymn 713**

*Please stand*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

*Joyce Placez, (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)*

### **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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

*Please do join us for refreshments in the Coach House via the Quarry Road path. Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. We no longer pass the collection plate around during the service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation to support the work of our church. If you would like to sign up to regular monthly giving, please visit [www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church](http://www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church) for more information.*

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## **Notices: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

### **Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Third Sunday of Lent**

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 March 10<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish 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!

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.

**All-Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday** next week at our 10am Parish Eucharist. We will worship together as a whole church family and, after the service, children are invited to help give out posies of daffodils to those who wish to receive them as a celebration or memorial. All are welcome.

Our (5 week) **Racial Justice Course** is starting this week on Wednesday **6 March 6.30-8pm**. Do please let Emily or Dominic (07963 398244) know if you would like to join us.

**Fair Trade Sale** There will be a Fair Trade Stall in the Coach House, next **Sunday, 10th March** Mothering Sunday. There will be chocolate, of course, and eggs big and small as well as many FT products. Come and give your support.

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

**Can you help?** Following our recent PCC meeting, we are looking for some extra congregational support to enable our new working groups to flourish and succeed. **Would you be interested in joining one of our newly formed groups?**

1. Finance and strategy. Led by Richard Stoneman, this group will explore the recommendations of our recent financial review, helping our church to become more financially sustainable in both the short and long term.

2. 175th anniversary celebrations

Led by Margaret Taylor and Frances Farrar, this group will oversee the celebrations for our church's 175th birthday, which will coincide with the end of our building project.



Please contact any of the group leaders if you are interested in joining or finding out more - we would love you to join us! You can also email or phone Helen in the Parish Office who would be happy to pass your contact details on to the group leaders.

### **New Churchyard Working Party Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 12**

**noon** The churchwardens have asked me to try and restart regular churchyard work parties. I hope some of the previous work party members will be able to help again but we should very much welcome new volunteers. The work involved is mainly weeding, edging, general tidying, some pruning which will be supervised and shared out depending on who comes along on the day.

Perhaps some people might take over the maintenance of particular neglected graves, which could be done in their own time. Volunteers need to bring their own secateurs and weeding implements, with gloves if required if at all possible. We have a supply of digging and cutting tools for any heavier jobs. Please contact Susan Houlton or Helen Day in the Parish Office

**Racial Justice Course** based on *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla Saad: Our Racial Justice course will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm-8pm and our first meeting will be this week on 6 March. You are still very welcome to join us, please contact Emily or Dominic for more information.

### **Lent Resources**

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.

**Stitching the Cross** - a series of four embroidery retreats at Christ Church Cathedral: 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March (10am-4pm). Reflections on four different cross designs will be given by Cathedral clergy during the day, with instruction given on stitching (suitable for all levels). The cost is £60 per person per day. Booking is essential (you can book for the series or just one date). Further enquiries and to book: [sally.welch@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sally.welch@chch.ox.ac.uk)

**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)  
**Annual Friendship Walk of Faiths 6-8.00pm, Thursday 27 June** The Walk begins at 6pm from the Jewish Centre, Richmond Road, stops at St Giles and the University Church, and ends at about 8pm at a mosque in East Oxford. At each place the Walkers are greeted and there are reflections from members of different faith traditions. The synagogue will be open to visitors from 5.30pm. The Walk is organised by the Oxford Council of Faiths (OxCoF) It provides an opportunity to meet and walk with people from Oxford's many different faith communities. People of all faiths and none are welcome to join in the Walk.

**This week's Eco Tips:** For the annual OxClean Litterpick (this weekend and next, Friday-Sunday), churches, schools, residents' associations etc. will clear litter from streets and public spaces in their area. If you want to take part, but can't manage the date/time of the group you might otherwise join, see me, and maybe I can help. High viz jackets, litterpicks and gloves are usually provided, but use your own if you prefer. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group.*

### **Eco Resources Spring 2024**

For suggestions about ECO Resources, including links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), discussion groups, talks etc., go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>. Hilary Rollin, Eco Group

### **Energy Recovery Facility Tour:**

The Ardley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), offers a fascinating tour on what happens to our general waste, and how it is turned into a resource.

For more information, and to book your free visit, go to: <https://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/visiting-our-facilities/ardley-visitor-centre/> or email [enquiries@viridor.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@viridor.co.uk) 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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