# Holy Trinity

# Headington Quarry



Passion Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# The Gathering

Words of welcome.

During the first hymn children are welcome to join the Forest Church taking place outside.

#### Hymn 157i

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe, spreads o'er his body on the tree: then am I dead to all the globe, and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

#### The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you** 

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins 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.



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.** 

# **The Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Please sit

# First Reading: Jeremiah 31. 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Please stand

# **Gospel Reading**



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

# Gospel reading: John 12. 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I

have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon

Revd Canon David Knight

**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**

This response is 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:

Margaret Baker, Baby Jackson, Bishop Alan Wilson, Gwynneth Knight, Janne Goble.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Donald Jacobs, Hazel Roberts, Bob Nind, Frank Greenwood, Enid Day, Gillian Westbury.

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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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.

# **Preparation of the Table**

# Hymn 153

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; he only could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

The President takes the bread and wine and says

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. **Amen.** 

## **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 indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and singing:



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again. And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen** 

### The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God, 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.



# **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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 142 (Please remain seated)

Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains, poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins. Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be his compassion infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream, which from endless torments did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Oft as it is sprinkled on our guilty hearts, Satan in confusion terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel-hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift ye then our voices; swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

Edward Caswall (1814-1878) based on Viva! Viva! Gesù!

# **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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 707

*Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.* 

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:

Let every race and every language tell of him who saves our souls from death and hell:

From farthest regions let them homage bring, and on his cross adore their Saviour King:

Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease beneath the shadow of its healing peace:

For thy blest cross which doth for all atone creation's praises rise before thy throne:

George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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 <u>www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church</u> for more information.

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#### Notices: March 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday March 17th Passion Sunday

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer 10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House. Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

#### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

#### Palm Sunday: March 24<sup>th</sup>

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Forest Church. *Please arrive at the Coach House carpark by 9.50am if you would like to take part in the procession; if you prefer, please wait in church to greet us!* 

#### Monday of Holy Week: 25th March

9am Morning Prayer

#### Tuesday of Holy Week: 26th March

9am Morning Prayer

#### Wednesday of Holy Week: 27th March

10am Midweek Communion 8pm Compline: A meditative service of plainchant, scripture and prayers

#### Maundy Thursday: 28th March

8pm Choral Eucharist with foot-washing and Vigil until midnight. *Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church for vigil times.* 

#### Good Friday: 29<sup>th</sup> March

10am – 11.30am Family Event in the Coach House with arts and crafts, hot cross bun decorating, Easter garden making and an Easter trail 2pm Service of the Cross (silent meditation in church from 12noon)

#### Easter Vigil: Saturday 30th March

9pm Vigil of readings and First Eucharist of Easter

#### Easter Day: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Easter Egg Hunt and children's 'flowering the cross' activity.

*Please note at the end of the service we'll be singing the Handel Hallelujah Chorus once again as our outgoing Voluntary. Please bring your copies - but don't worry if you forget! Anyone can join in.* 

Easter Day Carol Service at All Saints Highfield at 6pm All are welcome.

**Picturing the Passion:** Holy Week through our Church Building This year during Holy Week we will use features of our church building as a visual focus for prayer and devotion. The clergy will offer talks on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, which will focus on three of our beautiful stained glass windows. Other images of the building will complement the services on Palm Sunday, Wednesday Compline, and the Easter Vigil. Our hope is that, during this time of change and transition, we can be reminded of the story of our church building, and find renewed hope and courage as we look to the future.

**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.

### The Church Electoral Roll do you need to update?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming upon us again. This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend, but if you wish to vote or to stand for office you need to be on the parish electoral roll, our list of voting members.

The electoral roll also lets us know how many members we have, which is useful in all kinds of ways. So please consider joining if you consider yourself part of our community but are not yet on the roll.

If you are already on the roll, have you moved house in the last year? If so, please let me know.

Is there anyone who needs to be removed from the roll, because they have died or moved away? If so, please let me know.

Are you not on the roll, but you would like to be? Please pick up an application from the church, or download it from the church website, fill it in and return it, either to church or direct to me, either physically or by

email – you can fill in and return the form electronically, it doesn't need a physical signature if you return it by email.

I'm also pleased to answer any questions you may have – I can even tell you whether you live inside or outside the parish boundaries!

The roll has to be closed for some weeks before the annual meeting, so please ensure that any applications or other changes are notified to me before 21st April 2024.

Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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**APCM** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm in church.** This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend so please put this date in your diary.

# Celebrating thirty years of women priests: Sunday June 9th

Please save the date for this special service! We are delighted to welcome Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH, as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

**Newsletter** The deadline for the next online newsletter is **Thursday 28 March**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at <u>newsletter@hthq.uk</u>. Thank you very much.

**The Oxford Community Passion Play 2024** will be performed in Hinksey Park on Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 12noon and 2.30pm. **Everyone is welcome** to join us in exploring the dramatic events leading up to the joy of that first Easter Sunday, more than 2,000 years ago. No need to book as this is a free event.

More than 48 actors, musicians, singers and backstage crew are involved, coming from all walks of life in Oxford. We have the support of seven churches and although the production team are all professional theatre makers, everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer.

Please bring family, friends and neighbours to witness the emotional events of that first Easter week-end, and enjoy the good news it brings! **Directions**: Only a short 15 minute walk from the city centre, or by buses: 35, 46, ST1, X1, X2, X32

**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 <u>frances.farrar23@gmail.com</u> **This week's Eco Tips:** Have we got better at repairing, re-using, repurposing and re-cycling what we have? Many small actions make for change. *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:<u>https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/</u>. 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-visitorcentre/ or email 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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