

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry  
Palm Sunday Eucharist



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## **Picturing the Passion: Holy Week through our Church Building**

Our focus for prayer and reflection in this service is the stained glass Narnia window, created by Sally Scott and installed by John Baker in memory of William George Howe (1938-54) and Gillian Margaret Howe (1945-47). The great adventures in the earthly paradise of Narnia are depicted in scene and symbol, and just as those epic journeys of discovery in Narnia invite us 'further up and further in', so too we begin our week-long journey into the passion of Christ: hailed this morning as king.

### **Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem**

*The clergy and some members of the congregation gather by the Coach House; other members of the congregation wait at church to greet the procession.*

### **The Palm Gospel**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

### **Mark 11:1-11 - Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!  
Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had  
looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to  
Bethany with the twelve.

*At the end*

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

## **The Procession**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus the Messiah.

*We hold our palms or branches, and sing hymns together as we  
process to church. Please see the hymn sheet.*

### **Entrance Hymn 161**

*All glory, laud, and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of Angels  
Is praising thee on high,  
And mortal men, and all things  
Created make reply. *Refrain.*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present. *Refrain*

To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

*Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)*

## **The Greeting**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
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.**

## **Introduction**

*The president introduces the celebration*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people hold up their palm crosses while this prayer is said*

God our Saviour,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah  
to suffer and to die;  
bless these palms,  
that they may be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ  
in his suffering and in his glory.

*Silence is kept*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and  
humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
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*

### **New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn 134**

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;  
You are the Word who leads us into light;  
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;  
You are the Word whose only law is love;  
You are the Word made flesh who lives among us:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;  
You are the Word who calls us to be one;  
You are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! *Refrain*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

## **The Passion Reading**

### **Mark 14:1 - 15:end**

*The president announces the gospel reading.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*We invite you to sit for the Passion Gospel.*

**Evangelist** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Evangelist** It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

**Priests (All)** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

**Evangelist** While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

**Disciples (all)** Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

**Evangelist** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**Jesus** Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

**Evangelist** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**Disciples (all)** Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

**Evangelist** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**Jesus** Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

**Evangelist** So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**Jesus** Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

**Evangelist** They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**Disciples (all)** Surely, not I?

**Jesus** It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

**Evangelist** While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

**Jesus** Take; this is my body.

**Evangelist** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

**Jesus** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

**Evangelist** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

**Jesus** You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

**Evangelist** Peter said to him,

**Peter** Even though all become deserters, I will not.

**Jesus** Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

**Peter** (*vehemently*) Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

**Evangelist** And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**Jesus** Sit here while I pray.

**Evangelist** He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

**Jesus** I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

**Evangelist** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

**Jesus** Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

**Evangelist** He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**Jesus** Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.



**Evangelist** And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

**Jesus** Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

**Evangelist** Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign:

**Judas** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

**Evangelist** So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

**Judas** Rabbi!

**Evangelist** and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

**Jesus** Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

**Evangelist** All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him.

**Witnesses (all)** We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'

**Evangelist** But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

**High priest** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

**Evangelist** But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

**High priest** Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

**Jesus** I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

**Evangelist** Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

**High priest** Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

**Evangelist** All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

**Scribes (all)** Prophecy!

**Evangelist** The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

**Servant-girl** You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

**Evangelist** But he denied it:

**Peter** I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

**Evangelist** And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

**Servant-girl** This man is one of them.

**Evangelist** But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

**Bystanders** Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

**Evangelist** But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

**Peter** I do not know this man you are talking about.

**Evangelist** At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

**Evangelist** As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

**Pilate** Are you the King of the Jews?

**Jesus** You say so.

**Evangelist** Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

**Pilate** Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

**Evangelist** But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

**Pilate** Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

**Evangelist** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

**Pilate** Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

**Crowd (all)** Crucify him!

**Pilate** Why, what evil has he done?

**Crowd (all -louder)** Crucify him!

**Evangelist** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**Soldiers (all)** Hail, King of the Jews!

**Evangelist** They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

**Passers-by (all)** Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

**Evangelist** In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves.

**Priests (all)** He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

**Evangelist** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

**Jesus** Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

**Evangelist** which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**Bystanders (all)** Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

**Evangelist** And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

**Bystander** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

**Evangelist** Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**Centurion** Truly this man was God's Son!

**Evangelist** This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made. Silence is kept.*

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us call to mind the ways we have fallen short of God's call, as we pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*The response is*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 Jaxson, Bishop Alan Wilson, Gwynneth Knight.*

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

*Howard Goff, Daphne King, Rachael Richmond, Michael Dibdin.*

*And at the end*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*The president says*

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

*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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Hymn 145

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned and died  
for love of those who loved him not.

I cannot tell how he could love  
a child so weak and full of sin;  
his love must be most wonderful  
if he could die my love to win.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which, like a fire,  
is always burning in His heart.

William Walsham How (1823-1867)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

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.**

## 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:

**Moderato** *mp*

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of

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

28 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.

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**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
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

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 441

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

Saved by that body and that holy blood,  
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,  
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
himself the victim, and himself the priest.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,  
and take the pledges of salvation here.

*John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**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 147**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)*

## The Blessing

May the Father,  
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

**Amen.**

May Christ,  
who accepted the cup of sacrifice  
in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.

**Amen.**

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: March 24<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

#### **Monday of Holy Week: 25<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Morning Prayer

#### **Tuesday of Holy Week: 26<sup>th</sup> March**

9am Morning Prayer

#### **Wednesday of Holy Week: 27<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Midweek Communion

8pm Compline: A meditative service of plainchant, scripture and prayers

#### **Maundy Thursday: 28<sup>th</sup> 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, making Easter nests, Easter garden making and an Easter trail*

2pm Service of the Cross (*silent meditation in church from 12noon*)

#### **Easter Vigil: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Morning Prayer** will break during the Easter holidays, resuming on Mon 15 April.

**Holy Saturday Church cleaning:** the clergy, flower arrangers, and other volunteers will be preparing the church for our Easter celebrations during the morning of Saturday 30 March. If you are able to lend a hand, please do come along any time from 9am.

**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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**Hearing Loop Update:** our loop system had to be disconnected during the work on the west end of church, we are really pleased that the contractors have found a way to reinstate it and it is now functioning. Please have a chat with a welcomer or one of the sound team if you are having problems.

**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 [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk). Thank you very much.

**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.farrar23@gmail.com](mailto:frances.farrar23@gmail.com)

**This week's Eco Tips: Simplicity and Sustainability.** Are we managing to reduce what we have, live more simply, in solidarity with people living in poverty, saving money, saving the planet? 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: <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 below) 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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