

HOLY TRINITY  
HEADINGTON QUARRY



*The 6th Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 10am*

*Words of welcome*

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

## **Hymn 201**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who triumphant burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
Alleluia, with the Son  
God the Father praising;  
Alleluia yet again  
to the Spirit raising

*St. John of Damascus (c.675-c.750) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*The president says*

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

**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,  
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.  
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored  
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

### **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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: Acts 10. 44-end**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### **Gospel Reading**

*We repeat the refrain:*

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

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

### **Gospel reading: John 15. 9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

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, Pam.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Janet Patrick, Fr Christopher Hewetson, Margaret Baker.*

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

*Ruby Wood, Rachael Sutton, Ivy Kimber, Diana Collins,  
Edwin Knight, Albert Ind.*

*And at the end*

**Merciful father  
accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Hymn 466**

*Please stand*

The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor:  
the love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn:  
the peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears:  
the joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close  
to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised and bent:  
the grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

The Son of God comes close  
where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest  
and shared, as when he came:  
the Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk his way.

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

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

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we  
may bring light to your world.  
**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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

*slowly*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He  
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.  
takes a - way the sin of the world.

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 197

*Please remain seated*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
he is the King of creation:

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen:

We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live forever:

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour:

*Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, 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***

*Please stand*

### **Hymn 503 (t.30)**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our lives with gentle courage;  
let your love cast out our fear.

Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.

Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.

All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.

*Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)*

## **The Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
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**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*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: May 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

### **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

### **Midweek Services**

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

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Day service at 7.30pm**

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>: 10am Service** at the start of Christian Aid week 12-19<sup>th</sup> May Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott will be preaching.

**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.

**Save the date:** We are delighted that the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us for our 10am Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 15 September** to bless our church building following completion of the building works. His visit will be part of a weekend-long celebration: details to follow.

The Bishop will also be confirming several members of our congregation during this service. **If you are interested in exploring confirmation**, please get in touch with any of our clergy.

**Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May.** We are holding a **Spring Tea** on **11th May** from 2-4pm at the **Village Hall**, Quarry Road. There will be a toy stall, plant stall and book stall, face painting and children's craft activities in addition to refreshments and plenty of cake. **Donations** of books, toys and plants can be brought to the Jubilee Room at the back of the Village Hall between 6 and 8pm on Friday 10th May or contact Elizabeth Knight 01865 761476. Cakes can be brought on the day from 1.30pm.

The **10am Eucharist** on **12th May** will have a Christian Aid theme and you will be able to donate using envelopes or the card machine. Donations can also be made the following Sunday or via the hthq website and the special QR code that we have this year.

The final opportunity to contribute will be a **Hunger Lunch** at 3 Barton Road on Friday **24th May** from 12 to 2pm. Do come along and bring your friends.



To celebrate the revival of **Churches Together in Headington**, an **informal Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom** is being instigated. It will be shared prayers from whoever is there. **Every Monday at 11 am for 20 minutes**, with the option to chat afterwards. Drop in if you are free, no need to RSVP.

They will start on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, although it is a Bank Holiday.

The Zoom links is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85259570164?pwd=GmpnS6RKDIBAWdGnJm5kBCBSAFbU3p.1>

**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.

**HTHQ175** A group has been formed to make plans for the parish to celebrate in the autumn the completion of the church building work, and the 175th anniversary of its consecration. We would like to create a photographic history of the people and events that have taken place at Holy Trinity over the years. If you have photographs of family/community events at the church that you would be willing to share with us please could you let the wardens know, and provide a copy with the event and date added. Thank you. Janet Masters

**LAST CHANCE** there are for some reason this year lots of seats still to fill on the coach for the **annual parish day out at Alum Chine beach at Bournemouth on 22nd June** @ £20 each. Deadline to book is May 19<sup>th</sup> and sadly if not enough seats are filled this great trip will have to be cancelled. email [frances.farrar23@gmail.com](mailto:frances.farrar23@gmail.com)

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

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

**Date for the diary:** On **Wednesday 29 May, 7.30-9.00**, Tom Crook will give a presentation on 'The Great Stink: Victorian sewerage systems - and why we're still dumping sewage in rivers', to be followed by questions, discussion and refreshments. Venue: the Coach House. All are welcome.

Hilary Rollin, for Eco Group

**New group for young women:** Holy Trinity and Collinwood Road URC are joining together to run a series of meetings for girls aged 11-16 in our church community who wish to explore their faith in the context of their lives and experiences. We will meet on **Friday evenings 6.30-7.30pm** beginning 26 April for food and discussion. If you would like more details, contact Emily ([curate@hthq.uk](mailto:curate@hthq.uk)), and please pray for our time together.

**Quarry talk and social** An event run by the Friends of Quarry on **Friday 10 May** at the Quarry Village Hall at 7.30pm. A talk will be given on a historic painting of a Quarry House in 1800 by Dr William Crotch. All are welcome.

**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.

**Invitation to forthcoming events to mark the 550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of laying of the Magdalen Chapel's Foundation Stone** All are welcome from the Headington Quarry parish.

<https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/chapel-550th/>  
<https://artsfestivaloxford.org/whats-on/>

There are **Seminars** for all to enjoy but you must register and book before coming to the them.

**This week's Eco Tips: Rainwater.** Does the rainwater from your roof/driveway go into a soakaway? If so, excellent. If not, could you collect water by diverting it from a downpipe into a water butt, then using it to water the garden? *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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