

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



The 5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025, 10am

Words of welcome

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

Hymn 221

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heav'n and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring,
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

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.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting
life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11. 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: John 13. 31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you 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:

*Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,
Benjie, Pam, Madeline Tarrant, Hunter Merritt, Maureen, Elizabeth,
Christine, Janet Lever, Len Farrar, Barbara Farrar, Stephen Tolhurst.*

Those who have died recently:

Owen Tollman, Kenneth Sanders.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Marjorie Butler, Nigel Allington, Natalia Stoneman, Gerda Beesley,
Rodney Trafford, Pauline White.*

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 208

Please stand

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:

Alleluia, alleluia.

The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.*

That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord:

He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:

Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
that we may give thee all our days,
the tribute of our grateful praise:

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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

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, 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.

(Bells are rung)

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.

(Bells are rung)

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 stewards. We will form two lines to receive communion – the bread is distributed from the chancel step, and the wine is distributed from the lady chapel step. Please return to your pew via the north aisle. Stewards will be on hand to direct you!

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.

Anthems Hurford, Litany to the Holy Spirit, Elgar, Ave Verum

Hymn 200ii

Please remain seated

Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
we too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings. *Alleluia!*

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day *Alleluia!*

Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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

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)

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.

Voluntary Zadok the Priest 1st Movt: *G F Handel*

Please do join us for refreshments at the back of church or in the warmer meeting room after the Service. 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 for more information

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Notices: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

18th May: The Fifth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Prof Robert Gilbert

10am Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Deacon: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

12.30 Baptism Isabella Green and Cassius Christian

25th May: The Sixth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Canon David Knight

Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

12.30 Baptisms

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel.

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

A prayer for the vacancy:

God of vision and hope,

we thank you for all who have ministered here
throughout the history of this church.

In this time of vacancy,

may we continue to grow in love,

share in responsibility,

and seek your vision for our future,

in the name of Jesus Christ, our shepherd and our guide.

Amen.

Notices for the church booklet Please email Helen office@hthq.uk no later than 9am Tuesday morning. Thank you.

Community Café every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am in the meeting room in church. An intergenerational space for parents/carers to spend time with their younger ones, meet up with people of all ages over a cup of tea/coffee etc Toys available for preschool age children and toddlers.

Christian Aid Please support this year's campaign to enable people in Guatemala to combat the effects of Climate Change.

There are several ways you can give to Christian Aid this week:

- By cash or cheque. Use one of the envelopes you will find on the pews and put it in the red Christian Aid bucket or the plate at the back of church
- By the church card reader at the back of church. All donations this week (including last Sunday) will be paid to Christian Aid
- Using the URL or QR code below
<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/holy-trinity-headington-quarry-2025>



Thank you to those who have already supported Christian Aid at the Spring Tea and Hunger lunch.

Today is David's 80th birthday and to celebrate we would like to invite you all to stay for a finger food buffet lunch after the 10am Eucharist in the Coach house where the refreshments will be served today. Elizabeth's twelve weeks of treatment ends then too, so we are also inviting you to lunch as a thank you for all your prayers and support. David & Elizabeth Knight.

Fundraising event in aid of Archway Foundation. The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: 50 min Talk + Q&A with world-leading AI expert Professor Lord Lionel Tarassenko.

Next Wednesday 21 May 7pm – 9pm at Reuben College, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QP

Free Event which includes drinks and nibbles but Donations are welcome. Booking essential so book tickets on WWW.ARCHWAYFOUNDATION.ORG.UK

The church has available to give a **brand-new George Foreman Grill**. If anyone in the congregation could make use of this please talk to Wardens

HTHQ 175 Talking History The HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175th Anniversary year:

Wednesday 4 June Our changing church Speaker TBC

The evening begins with refreshments at 6.45pm, the talk beginning at

7pm, and discussions close at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

Co-Wheels car returns to its slot in the Coach House car park. For instructions on joining the club see the QR code on the colourful new sign. NB: It is really important that car club members find the Co-Wheels bay empty so that they can return the car and be on their way, knowing that the next member who has booked the car can find it ready and waiting. Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

Lye Valley children's event The committee of Headington Churches Together are planning to hold an event for children and their carers on the morning of **Saturday 14th June** at Bullingdon Community Centre, and all will be welcome. Right now we are looking for helpers. There will be a number of craft and activity tables (materials and instructions provided!), refreshments, and a guided walk along the valley. If you would like to be involved, either with helping on an activity table or with hospitality, please let me know. Thanks. Joan Jones joan@joneses.org.uk 07710611250

Summer Fete 12 July 2025 We are planning for the Summer Fete this year. This will be the final time that the current committee will be organising the Summer Fete. We hope to have an extremely successful event for our last year. We will be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Nearer the time other donations of wine for the Water to Wine, an item for the Tombola or a £2 donation to buy a prize, will be welcomed. We urge you to complete a Gift Aid form with your donations. It makes a real difference Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Janet Foot (762450), Linda & Howard (765003)

Wood Farm Community Projects a number of projects are beginning in the Wood Farm area of our parish, including monthly litter picks, planting bulbs around the estate, and organising a community fete to take place in August. If you might be interested in helping out or want to find out more, speak to Emily.

This week's Eco Tip: Reasons for wasting both food prepared at home, and ready meals: 1. Too much was served. Solutions? Bear in mind personal likes and dislikes. Consider perceived (in)edibility. Solutions? Prepare/ serve a suitable amount; put aside leftovers for another day or freeze. 2. Food looked unappetizing or off/ had passed the date on the label. Solutions? More care needs to be taken over food preparation. Consider impact of food waste. Store food correctly. Bear in mind the difference between a) Best before date (quality/appearance might alter over time) and b) Use by date (issue of safety/food could go 'off' after a certain date) Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group.

Eco Resources for Summer 2025: For suggestions on information re Eco Matters, including reading material, links to Zoom sessions etc. go to:

<https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources>

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, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.

Regular Giving at HTHQ

If you don't currently contribute regularly to Holy Trinity, please consider doing so.

If you already contribute regularly to Holy Trinity, please consider increasing your monthly or annual contribution.

If you currently give regularly via a Standing Order or another way, please consider cancelling that and switching to the Parish Giving Scheme.

If you already support Holy Trinity through the Parish Giving Scheme, thank you.

To start giving through the Scheme:

(i) access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/headington-quarry-holy-trinity-oxford/>

(ii) call the Scheme on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, and they will take all of the information needed to complete a new Direct Debit instruction for you.

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Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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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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