Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Third Sunday After Trinity

6th July 2025

Introit: Heaven on Earth (Tune by Alexander Sinclair, GoodMusic Publications. Words and arrangement by John L Bell and Graham Laule, WGRG, Iona Community)

Words of welcome.

Please stand

Hymn 9

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

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries, may Jesus Christ be praised: alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised: or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised: the powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised: be this the eternal song through ages all along, may Jesus Christ be praised!

(German, 19th century or earlier) translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

The president says

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen

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 God's kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well; on the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king; hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away, now with God in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray: Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Saviour, you are God alone in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

Tune: Ode to Joy.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Galatians 6. 7-16

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule – to the Israel of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



'Pilgrim's Alleluia': Hymn 377

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

Gospel reading: Luke 10.1-11,16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

'When you enter a house, first say, "Peace to this house." If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

'When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal those there who are ill and tell them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Andrew Gregory

Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

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

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. The following response may be used:

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, Kit Boylston,
Linda Pearce.

Those who have died recently: Stephen Tolhurst

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Molly Rosamund Morley, Anita Underwood, June Harris,
Caroline Wilson, Heather Goodwin, Audrey Washington.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of Peace

Hymn 698

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

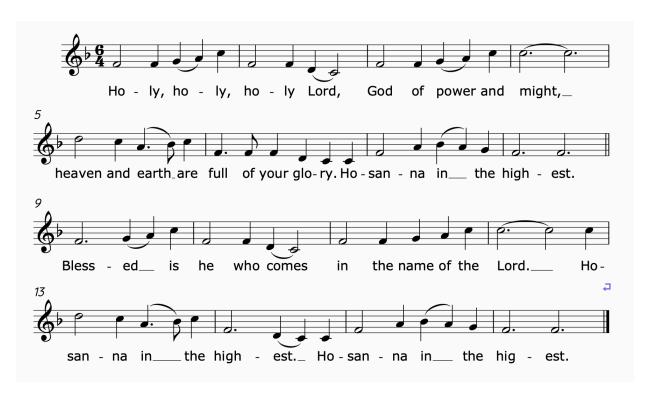
The Lord be with you and also with you.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:



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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

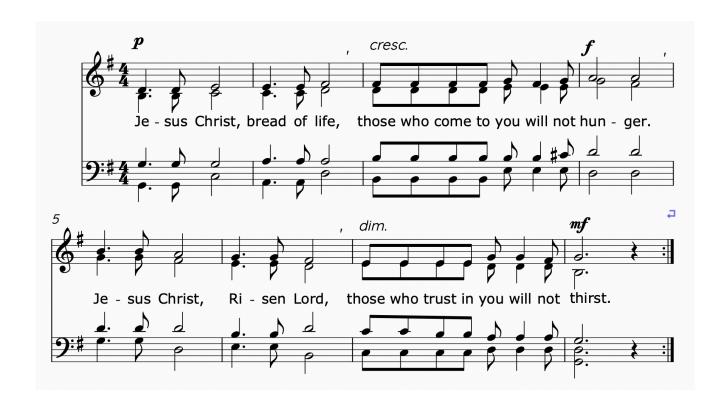
Please sit or kneel

As our saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.



Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

This is God's table and all are welcome. Regular communicants of their own tradition are invited to receive communion. There are two lines to receive communion, or if you prefer a blessing, returning to your pew via the north aisle. Stewards will guide you.

The bread is distributed from the chancel step and the wine from that of the Lady Chapel, to the left. You may receive the bread only. Please do not dip your wafer in the chalice. Please inform a steward if you wish to receive communion in your seat

Communion: God is Forgiveness (Taize); In manus tuas, Pater (Taize): Into your hands, Father, I comment my spirit.

Hymn 658

Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths thy word imparts; to study that thy laws may be inscribed upon our hearts. Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim, that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glorify thy name.

Help us, O Lord, to teach the beauty of thy ways, that yearning souls may find the Christ, and sing aloud his praise.

William Watkins Reid (1923- 2009)

Prayer after Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 769

Rejoice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope; Jesus the judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home:

We soon shall hear the archangels voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 at the back of church or in the cooler meeting room after the Service. Please take this booklet away with you and recycle it when you have finished with it.

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Voluntary Hornpipe from the Water Music (G.F Handel)

Notices: July 6th

Please read the weekly notices to find out about upcoming events and services. Clergy will highlight some of these notices in their brief welcome. If there is something you would particularly like highlighted at the start of the service, please notify the clergy (by email or phone) in good time before the service, or speak to them before the service starts if this is not possible.

6th July: The Third Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Andrew Gregory 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

Preacher: Revd Andrew Gregory Organist: Andrew Patterson

13th July: The Fourth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex 10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Canon David Knight Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

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.

New vicar announced: we are delighted to announce that the Revd Martin Little will be joining us as our new vicar from the autumn. He will be installed in mid-September and will be joining us from St John's Highbridge in Bath and Wells Diocese where he currently serves. Please pray for him and his family as they prepare to move, and for the people of St John's as they prepare to enter a vacancy.

Please note **The Parish Office is closed** and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday July 14th.

Forest Sunday School will be having a break during the summer. Our last session out in the woods will be during the 10am service on Sunday **July 20th**. See you in September!

Celebrations and the flowers in church today have been kindly given by Jan and Chris McLeod for their 50th Wedding Anniversary which was yesterday on July 5th. We wish them good health and many more years together.

Many of you will already know, having signed her 80th Birthday card that after the morning service we'll be sharing a toast to Margaret Taylor, not only for her Birthday but in thanks for all her service here at HTHQ. Please stay and join us.

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.

Summer Fete next Saturday 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 Please let all your friends, family and neighbours know. Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Janet Foot (762450), Linda & Howard (765003)

Quarry Summer Fete TODAY in aid of the Headington Quarry Village Hall on Sunday **6th July 11am – 6pm** please see poster to support a fun event.

Eco Tips Gas and electricity consumption should be dropping in the warm weather, but there's a chance of pruning the bills further by reducing the length of time* that the water is heating. Or, as one astute member of the congregation pointed out, if you have an immersion heater, why not use that in the summer months, reducing your use of gas? *But, avoid reducing the setting to the extent that the water in the tank falls beneath 60°, which could increase the risk of Legionella bacteria growth, a cause Legionnaires' disease. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church 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, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.



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Open to all voice parts, the Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursday evenings. They currently aim to sing twice a month: at Choral Evensong and at our Parish Eucharist, plus special services at Christmas and Easter.

MUSIC AT HOLY TRINITY

Music is an important part of our worshipping life and we are always delighted to hear from musicians who would like to join us.

Music Group sings at our Parish Eucharist once a month. Combining chant, song, and world music, the Music Group is a more informal option, singing contemporary music in a variety of styles.



For more information, contact office@hthq.uk

Regular Giving at HTHQ

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

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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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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