



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

**An open door between heaven and earth,
showing God's love to all**



Fifth Sunday After Trinity

20th July 2025

Words of welcome.

Please stand

Hymn 765

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him!

*Lobe den Herren Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

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 and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 18.1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

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

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 10.38-end

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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

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, Elizabeth Knight, Maureen, Christine, Janet Lever, Len Farrar, Barbara Farrar, Kit Boylston, Gillian Winman.

Those who have died recently:

Joan Brady.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Olive Sheldon, Justin James Minott, Carol Wright, Dennis Cooper.

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 (t. Salley Gardens)

We gather at God's table
to worship Christ our Lord,
the one who calls and keeps us,
exalted and adored.
O hear the saints and angels:
we join with them in song,
whose voices carry sweetly
from the land where we belong.

Draw near, where earth and heaven
converge in bread and wine,
and, bold, our church bears witness
to Christ in space and time.
The stones themselves, they echo
with prayers of pilgrims past,
the tale of God's own people
of which we all are part.

So let our hearts be lifted,
with joy this house resound;
the choice of we, the chosen,
is given shape and sound
as, hands outstretched, our longing
is met with gift and grace:
the body of our saviour
incarnate in this place.

Be present, Holy Spirit,
pour out on us your love
that fires, enfolds, and frees us
to lift our eyes above.
Take these the gifts we offer -
our bodies, souls, and selves -
and with them build a temple
fit for our God to dwell.

Emily Hockliffe Essex

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _

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heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

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Bless - ed _ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho -

13
san - na in _ the high - est. _ Ho - san - na in _ the hig - est.

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.

p, *cresc.* *f*

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

5 *mf*, *dim.* *mf*

Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

Anthem Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts - *Henry Purcell*

Hymn 639

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!'

Henry Smith (b. 1952)

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Members of the Pastoral Care team are invited to come forward.

An Act of Commissioning

We are the Body of Christ:
each of us is a member of it.

There is one ministry of Christ:
in this ministry we all share.

There are different ways of serving God:
it is the same Lord whom we serve.

Helen, Nell, Janet, Anne, Ruth, do you believe that God has called you to this ministry?
We do.

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, seek to perform it prayerfully and in a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration with those who lead ministry in this place?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek to develop the faith, gifts and skills God has given you as you share in Christ's mission and ministry?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you, the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in this ministry?
With the help of God, we will.

Lord God, in your loving kindness
you sent your Son to be our shepherd and guide.
Continue to send workers into your vineyard
to sustain and direct your people.

Bless Helen, Nell, Janet, Anne, and Ruth.
Let your Spirit uphold them always
as they exercise their ministry among the people of this parish.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand

Hymn 748

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

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 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 War March of the Priests *Felix Mendelssohn*

Notices: July 20th

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.

20th July: The Fifth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

12.30 Baptism Penelope Simpson

27 July: The Sixth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Parish Eucharist *NB Forest Sunday School on a break*

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Organist: David Knight

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.

Stewards who have experience either in the church kitchen or in cleaning are needed for July 26th 9am to 10.30am We have a very large group (around 270 students) from America visiting us next Saturday July 26th. I really need a few volunteers to help on the day. The students have their own leaders but we need to be around to offer drinks, sell souvenirs etc. and to clear and clean up afterwards by 11am in time for the Wedding taking place at 12 noon. Please contact me if you can help. Many thanks, Adrian 0758 306 8934

Church Fete a big thank you all supporting such a happy event on such a hot day. We raised a total of **£1,415.61** (and there will be Gift Aid to add to that). Well done! It was good to watch the Headington Quarry Morris Men and to enjoy some time together at a traditional summer fête. As you know, it's the last one the current committee will organise, so it's the end of an era and we're glad a good amount was raised. *Our thanks to Lisa & Mike Hill, Derek & Margaret Taylor, Linda & Howard Pearce and Janet Foot for all their years of service on the committee and for the monies raised.*

Wood Farm Summer Fete takes place on **Saturday 2 August 2pm – 4pm** at the Wood Farm rec ground on Nuffield Road. There will be Bouncy Castles, Fire Eating, Fire Engine, Food Tent, Games, Facepainting, Crafts, and Performances – most things free. Please do come along to support this event, and if you think you might be able to contribute cake, please email Emily (curate@hthq.uk).

Holiday Club: Superheroes of the Bible takes place at Collinwood Road URC on **5, 6, 12 & 13 August from 10am to 1.30pm** for children aged 5 to 11 years. £20 for four days (family discounts available). Get to learn more about the heroes in our bible whilst making new friends and enjoying lots of activities including arts & crafts, music, sports and lots more! Places are limited so booking in advance is essential! To book your place please email: georgina.fenson@gmail.com

Prayer Partners project: this September, we want to celebrate the intergenerational community of our church and strengthen those links by matching prayer partners across the generations to look out for one another at church and to pray for them. We're seeking sign ups from parents on behalf of their children/young people and from adults who would be interested in supporting a younger generation in prayer. To sign up for this scheme, go to <https://forms.gle/29ptt6Qy9x3EiYri6>. *Please note: to keep numbers balanced we may not take up every offer this time, but appreciate every one.*

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.

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.

Forest Sunday School will be having a break during the summer. See you in September!

Eco Tips This week's Eco Tip: Although in winter you may need to use the tumble dryer or dry washing indoors, on a fine day why not hang the washing outside in the sun and breeze? It uses no electricity and creates no condensation 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.

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.





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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