



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



Palm Sunday Eucharist

Sunday 29 March 2026

Welcome to Holy Trinity! If you are new to the church or visiting, please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, and let us know any additional needs you may have. An accessible toilet and baby change facilities are located in the meeting room on the north side of the church (across from the door you came in.)

Children are a beloved and integral part of Holy Trinity, and most Sundays we run a Forest Sunday School in our small woodland area of the churchyard (resumes today). The welcomers will point you in the direction of the Sunday School leaders. Children and babies are very welcome to stay in the service, or to use the meeting room if a break-out space would be helpful. We are not bothered by noise or children being children: we're just glad you're here.

Please sit, or stand as you feel comfortable during the service, and join in with the words in bold type. Tea, coffee and refreshments are served after the service: please stay for a friendly chat if you would like to.

Holy Trinity is funded almost entirely by donations. If you are able to contribute today as part of your worship, you can do so using the card reader or plate by the door on your way in or out. Regular supporters of Holy Trinity are encouraged to do so via the Parish Giving Scheme: a secure, tax-efficient way of contributing to our ministry here.

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Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The clergy and members congregation wishing to process gather by the Coach House. Those in church are invited to read the Palm Gospel quietly as they sit, and then to stand to sing when the organ begins the hymn.

The president greets those forming the procession

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

Amen

The Palm Gospel

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

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

We hold our palms or branches and sing together as we process to church. The congregation in church are invited to stand to sing when the hymn begins.

Hymn 159

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

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

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

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

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

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

St Theodulph of Orleans (c.750-821) tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

The Greeting

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

Introduction

The president introduces the celebration

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

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

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

Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.
Silence is kept.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

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

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion Reading

Matthew 27:11-54

The president announces the gospel reading.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him
and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Evangelist The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Evangelist Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You say so.

Evangelist But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Evangelist But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Evangelist Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Crowd (All) Barabbas.

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowd (All) Let him be crucified!

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Crowd (All) (louder) Let him be crucified!

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd.

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Crowd (All) His blood be on us and on our children!

Evangelist So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him.

Soldiers (All) Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

Passers-by (All) You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him.

Priests (All) He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Evangelist That is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders (All) This man is calling for Elijah.

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders (All) Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!

Evangelist This is the Passion of the Lord.

No response is made. Silence is kept.

Set Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may
grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that
our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, and for those
who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and
peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find
support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel
that God is far from them,
and for those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, among them Julie,
Pamela.

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, *Malcolm Woodcock,*
Jan Wheeler.

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, *Michael Dibdin,*
Anne Wilcock, Christopher Hewetson

may find mercy in the day of Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the end:

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

The Peace

Please stand

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 664

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

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 and just,
 our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
 the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.
 The power of the life-giving cross
 reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
 and the triumph of Christ crucified.
 He is the victim who dies no more,
 the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
 our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
 exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
 for ever praising you and singing:

Moderato *mp*

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
 19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 28 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me. (Bells are rung)

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me. (Bells are rung)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us so we pray

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

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

8 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the_ world, have
mer- cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the_ world, have mer - cy_ on
15 *mf* us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, *mp* grant_ us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the stewards. 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 433

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

Janet Lunt (b. 1954)

Prayer after Communion

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

Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending Out

Notices

The Vicar announces the Holy Week services and any other brief notices.

Hymn 161i

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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.

Voluntary Processional, *William Mathias (1934-1992)*

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Notices: Palm Sunday

Sunday Mar 29th: Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Forest Church.

Please arrive at the **Coach House by 9.50am** if you would like to take part in the procession; if you prefer, please wait in church to greet us!

President: The Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

Deacon: Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

After the service, there will be refreshments served and a presentation made to Rob for his last Sunday with us.

Midweek Services:

9am Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday when the Vicar is available. The Church is normally open for private prayer every day during daylight hours.

Tuesday of Holy Week: 31st March

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday of Holy Week: 1st April

10am Midweek Communion

Maundy Thursday: 2nd April

9am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Eucharist with foot-washing and Vigil. *Anyone is welcome to stay and watch in silent prayer until 10pm; come and go as you find helpful.*

Good Friday: 3rd April

10am – 11.30am Good Friday Craft Morning in the Coach House with arts and crafts, prayer stations, Easter garden making and an Easter trail

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

Easter Vigil: Saturday 4th April

8.30pm Vigil of readings and First Eucharist of Easter (NB change of time)

Sunday April 5th: Easter Day

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

10am All-Age Eucharist with Forest Easter Egg Hunt

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Please note at the end of the service we'll be singing the Handel Hallelujah Chorus once again as our outgoing Voluntary. Please bring your copies - but don't worry if you forget! Anyone can join in.

Malcolm Woodcock it is with great sadness that we heard that Malcolm, Margaret Woodcock's husband died on Monday March 16th at Sobell House. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and her family. Details of Malcolm's funeral will be here at Holy Trinity on Tuesday 14th April at 11.30am. All are welcome.

Our new Safeguarding Officer is Anne Cowan and her contact details are at the back of this booklet. We give thanks for Anne Tarassenko's 10 years of service in this important role.

Revision of the parish electoral roll before the annual meeting

The electoral roll is the list of members of our church community here at Holy Trinity. If you joined the roll when we made the new one last year, you don't need to do anything, your name remains on the list!

However, if you are new to our community, or have just reached the age of 16, please sign up, as our membership list is very useful to us. You need to be 16 years old or over, baptised (in any Christian denomination) and either resident in the parish or regularly worshipping at Holy Trinity. If you have any questions please get in touch with me. The parish's data privacy notice can be viewed here: <https://www.hthq.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Privacy-notice-and-GDPR-policy.pdf>

You can either fill in a paper form (available in the church) or find the form on the church website, complete it online and email it to me - in that case it doesn't need a physical signature. Please do this by **Wednesday 15 April** so that the revised roll can be published before the annual meeting. Joan Jones - Electoral Roll Officer - 07710611250 - electoralroll@hthq.uk

Easter flowers The flower team would very much welcome any donations towards the flowers for Easter Day as they are reliant on this kindness. These can be made payable to the church bank account but please mark them for the flower fund **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity** Account
Number: **80484903** Sort Code: **20-65-21**

Coach to Heyford Park for Revd Rob Gilbert's Licencing; Thursday 16th April 2026. A coach has been booked to go to Heyford Park to celebrate Rob's licencing. The cost per person at present is £14. The arrangements at the moment are, to leave The Coach House around 6 pm /6.15pm and return from Heyford at 9.15 pm. There is a board to sign at the back of the church, and I hope many of you will join us. If you have any questions please contact me. Margaret Taylor Ox 765051.

Community Cafe 9.30 – 11.30am Please do come along with friends or neighbours. Toys available for preschool age children and toddlers.

Date for Diary Advance notice that Revd Prof Rob Gilbert's installation service will take place on **Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm** at Heyford Hill Park Church. More information nearer the time.

New filter Coffee and Tea if you are able to it would help the church funds if you could donate to the refreshment fund each week by either putting money in the jar or by using the card machine. Thank you.

This week's Eco Tip: With the start of Summertime today, and Good Friday falling later this week, spirits soar at the prospect of warmer weather. Time to check Summer clothes. Sort into piles of: adjust, mend, swap with friend, offer for friend's child, charity shop, patchwork quilt, recycle as textiles. 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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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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please note my day off is Friday

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