

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

27th September 2020

Words of welcome and parish prayer

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

Please remain seated.

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

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

The Greeting

Prayers of Penitence

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.**

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 to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Taize Chant, Laudate Omnes Gentes

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 21. 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe

him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One

From the Northumbrian Community

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ
and we share Christ's peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*Please stay seated. We share the peace with a simple bow or wave
to those around us*

Anthem – Bruckner, Christus factus est

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

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away

you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Bells are rung

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Bells are rung

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.**

We say

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

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.**

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Communion will be administered in silence. Please remain seated while we bring communion to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, the priest will pray a silent blessing instead – please clearly hold this service booklet to indicate this.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

To be said by those unable to receive communion – or you may wish to say a personal prayer of your own.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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

Hymn

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?'

Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?'

From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
the fear of lost advantage
provokes the bitter cry,
'Don't query our position!
Don't criticize our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

The Blessing

This or another blessing is used

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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 take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it.

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Notices:

Covid-19 guidance The new 'rule of six' came into law on Monday 14th September. Places of worship are exempt, which means that we can still accommodate more than six people in our building for public worship in accordance with our risk assessment. But please take care, especially when you arrive and leave the building, not to mingle in groups bigger than six and always maintain social distancing with those outside your household.

NHS Covid-19 App

If you have the NHS Covid-19 App, please 'check in' to the church building using the QR code at the door when you come on Sundays or in the week.

Reflections on Mission in Covid Times

Our church's mission has changed radically in response to the pandemic: with online services, increased communication, prayer meetings, stronger links with our neighbours and the local council, and in many other ways. There is much that is new and emerging, but also things that we have had to pause or let go of. Over the next few weeks, we will be engaging in a process of discernment, seeking God's wisdom as we reflect on what we have been learning during this time of pandemic. We will be using a reflection tool from Oxford Diocese, Emerging from Coronavirus, which is based around the Five Marks of Mission. Our sermons over the next five weeks will focus on each mark of mission, and we will be providing questionnaires to fill out to help feed into this process of reflection. Rob will begin today with a sermon connected to the first mark of mission: to proclaim the good news of the kingdom.

Soul Space on C.S. Lewis Our latest Soul Space episode is the first of two exploring C.S. Lewis - his life, ideas and connection to our church. The two programmes include extracts from Lewis's own original 'Mere Christianity' broadcasts on the BBC World Service, and a very moving interview with his stepson Douglas Gresham. You can listen on the church website, or Radio Cherwell (broadcast times are 7.30am on Sundays, 8pm on Tuesdays, 1pm on Fridays). Thank you to Mike and Ruth Wooldridge for this initiative, and to Mike for offering his time and expert broadcasting skills in the production of these programmes.

PCC Meeting The PCC will meet on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm via Zoom. We value your prayers for a productive and positive meeting.

Filming in Church and Churchyard With the agreement of Oxford Diocese, a film company are coming to film in the church and churchyard on Wednesday 30th September (afternoon) and Thursday 1st October all day. Please be aware

that it won't be possible to visit the building during this time, but access to the churchyard will be possible within the obvious restrictions of live filming, which a location manager will oversee. The film is a docu-drama about C.S. Lewis, directed by Norman Stone (who also directed *Shadowlands*).

Music in church We welcome the new guidance about resuming live music in church, and Rosie is planning some choral and instrumental music to enhance our worship in the coming weeks.

Harvest Festival: October 4th

We plan to hold our harvest festival celebrations on Sunday October 4th, which is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. We plan to hold our two traditional communion services (9.30am and 10.45am) and our first outdoor forest church for children and families (3pm). Attendance will need to be booked in advance for all of these, to ensure safety. Harvest donations are to the Oxford community emergency food bank, who ask for donations of money rather than food. There is a donations page on our church website.

APCM: Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm Please note the new date for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Wednesday 21st October, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, postponed from April. This meeting will be held online, via Zoom. At this meeting, we formally appoint our churchwardens for the next year, elect new members to PCC and deanery synod, and say farewell to retiring members. We also review and give thanks for the year that has passed (in this case, 2019!), celebrate all we are as a church community, and seek God's direction for the future. Nominations for PCC and deanery remain open and we are particularly looking for two new deanery synod representatives. Further details will be posted on the church website and noticeboards in the coming weeks.

Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursday 8th October This prayer meeting will continue fortnightly on a Thursday evening—the next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October at 8.30pm. Please let Laura know if you would like to lead a session and/or offer technical assistance to help explore the creative possibilities of Zoom.

Morning Prayer: Morning prayer will resume at 9am on Mondays only to begin with. We will meet in the Chancel – please bring your own Bible (or Bible App!)

Church Building Development We anticipate taking part in a council planning meeting before the final decision on October 27th. Please keep this process in your prayers in the coming weeks.

Readings and Intercessions for Sunday worship Please let Helen know (office@hthq.uk) if you would like to volunteer read and lead intercessions on a Sunday morning starting on October 4th. The same person or members of the same household will need to do the first reading and lead the intercessions. We can provide set intercessions as needed.

Asylum Welcome A message from Zig Nowicki: Asylum Welcome are now open for donations again, so please leave donations of foodstuff, toiletries and nappies in the box with the purple lid at the back of the church

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