

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020

The Gathering

Welcome and parish prayer. Please remain seated.

Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

The Greeting

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.

Now is the time to wake out of sleep,
for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen,
and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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 almighty and merciful Lord
Grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Taize Chant - Wait for the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel reading: Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole
Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to
him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their
sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt
around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,
'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not
worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have
baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron Scott

The Creed

Please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Please sit. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with tears of sorrow,
pray that we may be forgiven;

that when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

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.**

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.**

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 hold this service booklet to indicate this.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fear and sins release us,
Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
born salvation to impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Notices

Church Services

We are delighted to be resuming services in church. Please sign up to attend via our church website, and please remember the Covid-19 precautions we are following: remain in your allocated space, do not mix with anyone outside your household or bubble, sanitize your hands when you arrive and leave and wear a face covering. We will also continue to broadcast services online.

Christmas Services

Posters for our Christmas services are now up! These include: an online carol service on Sunday 20th December at 6pm, Forest Church Christingles on 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th December at 3pm; Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday 22nd at 6pm; Christmas Eve Vigil at 6pm, Christmas Day Communion at 9.30am and 10.45am.

Advent Prayer Tree

Our churchyard tree will be lit every day from 3pm to 10pm. We invite you to hang a decoration on the tree, to pray and remember someone you love during this Advent season.

Advent Retreat

If you have space during this holy season of Advent, why not make time for a virtual retreat? Pray as you Go are offering a retreat led by Sister Gemma Simmonds, entitled 'God is with you'. New sessions are broadcast weekly on Mondays in December.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/article/advent-retreat-2020>

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Building Project News

The PCC have agreed to begin the first phase of our building project, which involves new church lighting, electrical rewiring, and related works. This is set to begin in January 2021 and take 8-10 weeks. The proposed new lighting design from Light Perceptions Ltd can be viewed on the church website. Please continue to pray for our fundraising efforts and for the building project as we move forwards on this journey of faith.

Community Carols

We are currently exploring whether it would be possible to do some outdoor carol singing at set locations around the parish, in collaboration with other

churches. We look set to go ahead with this on **Monday 21st December at 5pm**. Please contact Laura if you would be interested in taking part.

Morning Prayer

We will be back in the church building on Monday 7th December at 9am.

More Tea Vicar

There will be no 'More Tea Vicar' session on Wednesday 9th December – we will meet again on **Wednesday 16th December at 3pm**. Please bring along a favourite Christmas decoration to talk about!

Amnesty International

Although we cannot gather this year to write Amnesty greetings cards, we invite you to visit the Amnesty website to participate in the campaigns online:
<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights>

Welcome to Placement Students

We are delighted to welcome Ninus Khako and Ash David, from Ripon College Cuddesdon, as placement students this year. We look forward to getting to know them and supporting them on their journey towards ordination.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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