

HOLY TRINITY  
HEADINGTON QUARRY

MY LORD and MY GOD



The 2nd Sunday of Easter

11th April 2021

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn**

This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
n'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain;  
but now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen; arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

George Woodward (1848-1934)

*The president says*

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

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 his 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.*

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace  
to the praise of God the Father  
**Amen.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Word***

## **Readings**

### **Reading: Acts 4.32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel reading: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

**The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

**Preparation of the Table**

**Hymn**

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that he never would awake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,  
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again,  
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.*

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we  
may bring light to your world.  
**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer E**

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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter



to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.**

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.

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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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.**

*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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president receives communion whilst people join in from their homes.*

## **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

**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**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **The Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
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**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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## **Notices**

### **Church Services**

We are delighted to be resuming services in church again! Thank you for your understanding of the Covid-19 safety measures we have put in place at this time. We really appreciate it if people can remember the following points:

- Please remember to use the hand sanitizer when you arrive and leave, to wear a face covering unless you are exempt, and to wrap up warm as the doors will be open for ventilation.
- Please fill up from the front of church if you can, and leave from the back, unless you are sitting near the front and are comfortable using the chancel exit (which has a step).

- The guidelines require us to move on 'promptly' once the service has finished. Please wait for to any closing music to finish, and then leave the building promptly, taking care to maintain physical distancing and not to block any aisles or the path outside. The clergy will try to be outside before the service, to greet people as they arrive.
- Although we try our best to accommodate people who have not signed up in advance, we cannot guarantee this due to the size and layout of our building. So please, please do sign up in advance if you are coming.

## **Building Work in Church**

Let there be light! Thank you for your prayers as the lighting and electrical work has continued in church. The redecoration work and new sound system installation will take place in April. This means that we will not be resuming any midweek services yet, and the building will be closed for private prayer from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, while the redecoration work takes place.

Thank you to all those who have supported the building project financially so far, and especially the Friends of Holy Trinity who are the principal donor for the lighting and redecoration work. Once phase one of the work is completely finished, we hope to 'showcase' it properly!

## **Zoom Morning Prayer: Weekly on Mondays at 9am**

A chance to pause for prayer at the beginning of the week. The focus for prayer will be the psalms, which offer ancient wisdom for contemporary times.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782891843?pwd=S25BN0E3QUF6aXk5cHBETktaRmhldz09>

Meeting ID: 867 8289 1843

Passcode: 309879

## **Prayers for Hope and Healing**

This contemplative prayer gathering will continue after Easter on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84521812373?pwd=ZTVkaFZZV25Ba3ZaYXR3RVQ1MEJMdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 2181 2373

Passcode: 738378

### **Eco Church Resources**

The Eco Team have put together a list of interesting webinars on environmental issues from various sources, including the Church of England and the Oxford Martin School (part of Oxford University) – see below. Some are on church issues and others are of more general interest. Please see this link for more details:

<https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

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showing God's love to all.*

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