

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



APCM Evening Prayer

Opening Responses

Come to us this night, O God.

Come to us with light.

Speak to us this night, O God.

Speak to us your truth.

Dwell with us this night, O God.

Dwell with us in love.

Opening prayer

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen

Dwelling in God's Word

I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all ... Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4.1-6, 15-16

Prayers for the meeting

Eternal God, grant us guidance, wisdom, and support for this meeting, as we review the year that has passed and look to the future. May we each speak with grace and love, and may the Holy Spirit guide us, inspire us, sustain us, and continue to remind us of our vision:

To be an open door between heaven and earth, showing God's love to all.

Silence is kept. Other prayers may be offered.

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**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.**

The Peace

Peace to you from God our Father who hears our cry.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ whose death brings healing.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life and strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.