

HOLY TRINITY  
HEADINGTON QUARRY



*Sunday after Ascension Day*

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10am*

*Words of Welcome*

**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.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
and 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.

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

*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

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in 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 God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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

### **Readings**

#### **First Reading: Acts 1. 1-14**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him

out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation, thou feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go, and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

**Alleluia.**

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

## **Gospel reading: John 17:6-19**

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

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, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us**

Merciful father

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

## The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

## Preparation of the Table

### Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!



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

Be present, be present  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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**

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.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Hymn**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

### **The Blessing**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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### **Notices**

#### **Services for Pentecost Sunday: May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

3pm Forest Church (repeat of service on May 16<sup>th</sup>)

6pm Outdoor hymns (weather permitting!)

#### **Forest Church for Families**

We are delighted to be holding another forest church service today at 3pm on the theme of 'friendship', and we will repeat this service again on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for those who couldn't sign up the first time.

#### **Christian Aid collection at the Farmers Market 8<sup>th</sup> May**

The people at the Farmers' Market were extremely welcoming and friendly. We set up a gazebo so that we could have a better Christian Aid display - and shelter from the rain! Everyone who had volunteered to collect or sing up in spite of the dreadful weather forecast. Our thanks to all the people from Holy Trinity

who came to collect or sing; over twenty people from HTHQ were involved as well as some singers who came from other churches.

### **Church Yard working parties**

We can now have limited Workparties again, so we could start regular ones on the **second Saturday of each month 10 -12 noon**, weather permitting. We are only allowed 6 people, so could anyone who would like to help please phone Susan Houlton 744896 to book your place and find out more information on the tasks planned for that day. Each person should bring their own tools and a drink and snack if they want one but 'gardening' experience not essential just a willingness to help in this essential work.

### **APCM: May 26th**

The APCM is on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom. This is a chance to reflect on all we experienced and learned during 2020, to give thanks for God's continued care of our church community, and to pray for the future. The papers are now available on the website.

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

Morning Prayer will now take place in church again. Prayer books will be provided. We don't yet have the ability to offer a Zoom link from church, but we are working towards this.

### **Prayers for Hope and Healing: Weekly on Thursdays at 8.30pm**

A chance to pause for a time of shared silence, as we hold one another and our world in God's compassionate gaze.

<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. Please see this link for more details: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> 'Eco Resources: webinars to watch in June' will be the next batch.

### **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

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

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