

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Climate Sunday  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 10.00am

## **Introduction**

Today we are celebrating Climate Sunday – but what actually is Climate Sunday and why are we celebrating it?

The last year has given many of us a chance to spend more time appreciating nature in our local area. You may have reflected on the richness of Creation, both here and throughout the world, and our place in it. But we are also aware that human beings are changing Creation in many ways, not least by warming the climate. Global warming is already apparent, and we are seeing the effects of that in more droughts, floods and other extreme weather events. Science tells us this will get a lot worse if warming is allowed to continue much more, eventually to the extent of making large parts of our planet uninhabitable.

As Christians we believe that Creation is God's work, and by harming Creation we are going against God's will. We are also called to love our neighbour, and it is our poorest neighbours – in our own community, in our country and globally – who tend to be hardest hit by the problems arising from climate change. So working to limit climate change as much as we can is part of our mission as Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

That is why the Eco Church group in Holy Trinity suggested we hold this Climate Sunday service. We are not alone – Climate Sunday is an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and hundreds of churches of different denominations up and down the country are holding their own Climate Sunday services and events during 2021.

We are doing this now, because in November this year, the world's leaders are meeting in Glasgow for the latest United Nations climate change summit – known as COP26. Our own government is chairing these talks, and that gives us in the UK a unique opportunity to influence the outcome. One way we can all do that, recommended by the Climate Sunday organisers, is to sign the Climate Coalition's declaration called 'The Time Is Now', which encourages our government to lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions ahead of the Glasgow talks. You can find it at [thetimeisnow.uk](https://thetimeisnow.uk).

Thank you taking part in this service, and do look out for other events, including locally in Oxford, in the run-up to November.

Holy Trinity Eco-Church Group

## Hymn

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:  
*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'  
*Then sings my soul...*

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

## The Greeting

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

## Prayers of Penitence

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.  
As we remember our responsibility to care for God's creation,  
let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,

and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

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 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*

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **First Reading: Genesis 1.1-25**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called

the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

O Lord of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky;  
Grant us your Spirit's true illumination

to read the secrets of your work on high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces,  
your laws its mighty energies fulfil;  
Teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,  
in all we use, to serve your holy will.

O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue,  
from flower to bird, from beast to brain of man;  
Help us to trace, from birth to final issue,  
the sure unfolding of your age-long plan.

You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures,  
and, though they mar that image, love them still;  
Lift up our eyes to Christ, that in His features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.

Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing,  
you made us more than nature's heirs to be;  
You help us trace, with grace our souls enduing,  
the road to life and immortality.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand. When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

### **Gospel reading: John 1.1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker

*Associate Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford  
Associate Minister, the University Church*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

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

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following response is used:*

God of life  
**Hear our prayer**

## The Peace

*Please stand*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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



## Hymn

Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

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## 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 F

*Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable*

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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because in him, our risen Lord,  
the new creation is being brought to perfection,  
a broken world is being renewed,  
and creation itself will share  
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### Music During Communion

Chilcott – Walk Softly

### Prayer after Communion

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
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*

### The Blessing

## Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
New rising dawn in praise rejoice,  
you lights of evening find a voice;  
*O praise him...*

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fierce fire so masterful and bright  
giving to us both warmth and light,  
*O praise him...*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in lowliness,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
*O praise him...*

*Please stand*

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters of creation  
and formed the world from chaos,  
form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth  
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

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## Notices

### **Oxford Interfaith Friendship Walk 2021**

Join this year's virtual Walk, **from 6.00-6.45pm, Thursday 17 June**

listen to reflections from members of different faith traditions who live and work in Oxford Lifestreamed on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_U9NY4pOASp-ZjOJR5RIOew](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U9NY4pOASp-ZjOJR5RIOew)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheOxfordFoundation/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOxfordFoundation>

Beginning at the Jewish Centre in Jericho, through to St Giles Church and St Mary the Virgin Church in the High Street, the Walk ends at the Central Mosque in Manzil Way.

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The annual Interfaith Friendship Walk is organised and supported by the Oxford Council of Faiths (OxCoF) and many faith communities of Oxford

## **APCM Elections**

Congratulations to our newly elected churchwarden Margaret Taylor and to Dave Smith who is continuing in the role. We also express our sincere thanks to Peter Garside for the dedication and hard work he brought to the role of churchwarden over the past four very eventful years. We thank our retiring PCC members Sue Saville and Philippa Logan, and congratulate our new PCC members Frances Farrar and Diana Harrison and our new deanery synod rep Janet Masters. Please pray for the work of the PCC and our next meeting which will be on Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Laura's 'Vicar's Report' is available on the APCM web-page.

## **Climate Sunday: Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

10am Parish Eucharist. Climate Sunday.  
Preacher: Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker  
3pm Forest Church for Families

## **Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

10am Parish Eucharist. Fruits of the Spirit: Peace

## **Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>**

10am Parish Eucharist. Fruits of the Spirit: Patience  
3pm Forest Church Service  
6pm Sanctified! A celebration of gospel blues  
*Please book to attend these services via the website or parish office*

## **Wednesday Communion Services**

Our mid-week communion service has resumed at 10am on Wednesdays, and pre-booking is no longer needed for this smaller gathering.

## **Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong will take place on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm – the next service will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Forest Church for Tots**

Tuesdays @10am We are delighted to be holding some outdoor sessions for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups: we look forward to seeing some of our regular Tuesday morning families, and hopefully some new families too! For more details and to book a place please email Revd Laura: vicar@hthq.uk



## **Fundraising Events**

We hope that fundraising events will be possible again this summer, and our events team are planning some tea and drinks parties over the summer period. We hope to kick things off with an afternoon garden party at the Vicarage on **Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm**. Laura and Dominic would be very grateful for some help with the catering and organisation: please get in touch if you can help!

## **Welcoming Hannah**

We are looking forward to welcoming Hannah Allen who will be carrying out a summer placement here. Hannah writes: "I am very much looking forward to joining you all for a placement at Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry for four weeks, beginning on 28<sup>th</sup> June. I am coming to the end of my first year of training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon having moved from Gloucester with my husband Craig and daughters, Izzy and Beth. It has been an adventure moving to Oxford and I look forward to learning from you all as I join in with the life of Holy Trinity. Hannah"

## **E-Newsletter**

Would you like to contribute a short piece of text (with a photo, if relevant) for the parish e-newsletter? We plan to issue this monthly over the summer period, while we continue to review our communications.

Contributions of no more than 300 words should meet one of the following criteria:

1. Review or promotion of a church service, event or connected activity.
2. Discussion of an event or activity taking place within the parish.

Decisions about which contributions the newsletter can include will be made by the editor in consultation with the Vicar as needed. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for other items the newsletter could include.

Please send contributions to [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk). The June newsletter is now in progress, and the deadline for future newsletters (July, August, September) is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

We express our thanks to Karl and Felicity for developing the

newsletter in the new format and setting up the new 'mailchimp' software. They will no longer be able to edit the newsletter from September onwards, and we are on the lookout for a new editor/administrator to take this forwards. Please do let Karl and Felicity know if you or anyone you know would be able to take on this really important task. Training will be provided!

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

Morning prayer is now back in church on Mondays at 9am. Prayer books are provided.

### **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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