

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Harvest Festival

3rd October 2021, 10.00am

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: We will walk with God (John Bell)

Words of welcome

Hymn

Please stand

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
All good gifts...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts...

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

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.

Opening Responses

From the rising of the Sun to its going down
the name of the Lord be praised.

Lord of the heavens, for the wonder of Creation
we praise you

Lord of all nations, for the richness and variety of our harvest
we praise you

Lord of all our lives, for the power and promise of your love
we praise you.

**Lord of this place, we give you thanks
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life.
Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

We gather in thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life:
for food, shelter, family, friends and all that we are grateful for.

And we gather in sorrow for the ways in which we have failed to
share God's abundant harvest with others.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,
and pour upon you the healing spirit of love, peace and
gentleness. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
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Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen

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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2.21-27

Fear not, Earth! Be glad and celebrate!

God has done great things.

Fear not, wild animals!

The fields and meadows are greening up.

The trees are bearing fruit again:

a bumper crop of fig trees and vines!

Children of Zion, celebrate!

Be glad in your God.

He's giving you a teacher

to train you how to live right—

Teaching, like rain out of heaven, showers of words

to refresh and nourish your soul, just as he used to do.

And plenty of food for your body—silos full of grain,

casks of wine and barrels of olive oil.

The Message

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.

Speak your words of wisdom,

for the words you speak

are everlasting life.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

The gospel is announced:

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Rev'd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

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.**

From the Northumbrian Community

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

These responses may be used

God of love
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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with a bow or a wave or
a smile – please remain in your place.*

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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

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

This is God's table and all are welcome here. Please follow the directions of the steward, and please keep a safe distance from others and follow the one-way system as you return to your seat. Please do also come forwards if you would like a prayer of blessing instead, and hold onto this booklet to indicate this.

Music Group Anthem — We Belong to God (John Bell)

Hymn

Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.

Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teacher us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing
with us, our brother, may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth;
fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things
which we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

The Sending Out

Hymn

Please stand

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) based on Psalm 147

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. If you can, please give generously to our harvest appeal on your way out.

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Notices: 3rd October

Sunday 3rd October: Harvest Festival

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer.

10am – Family Eucharist

6pm – Choral Evensong

Preacher: Revd Skye Denno. Vicar of St Nicholas Old Marston.

Midweek Services

Mondays at 9am— Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Tuesdays at 10am—Tots Service

Wednesdays at 10am—Holy Communion

Thursdays at 8.30pm—Prayers for Hope and Healing (via Zoom)

Harvest Festival October 3rd At all the services today we invite you to give money to help the work of the following charities, the Food Bank and Gatehouse by using the contactless card machine or by cash donation. We will not be taking in any produce or food items. Contact Helen in the Parish office if you would like to make a donation but won't be at any of the services.

Choral Evensong tonight at 6pm with the combined choirs of Holy Trinity and St Nicholas Old Marston. Join us for a contemplative service. Our preacher will be Rev Skye Denno.

Celebrating our building plans! We give thanks for the progress made so far in our church building restoration and development work. Two years since our last fundraising appeal, we have now launched another appeal, in what we hope to be the final push towards reaching our target figure (£600,000 in round figures). We invite you all to consider whether and how you can contribute to this final appeal, so that we can complete the work in 2022. Please continue to hold our project and plans in your prayers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. We were very lucky to have a lovely morning for this and people could sit in the garden. I'm sending off a cheque for £220! Many thanks to all who came and contributed, and especially to those who contributed but couldn't come. Sheila Allcock.

Forest Sunday School Our Forest Sunday School meets every Sunday, except when there is an all-age service in church. During the opening hymn children will go out to the Forest for some age-appropriate worship and activities, and return for communion. Please hold this new initiative in your prayers.

Teatime Recital Series

Please save the dates for our November recital series in church, to raise money for our church building fund. Each recital will be followed by refreshments in church:

Saturday 6th November, 3pm: Dominic Scott (Piano), Laura Biron-Scott (Clarinet).

Saturday 13th November, 3pm: Quarry Wind Quintet (debut performance!)

Saturday 20th November, 3pm: Rosie Tweddle (Organ)

Saturday 27th November, 3pm: Dvorak Wind Serenade, with members of the Oxford Sinfonia

Donations at the door. All welcome!

Bring and Fix Café: Do you have any small Electrical and Household items that need fixing, but you lack the skills? Don't condemn them to landfill. The Repair Café, formerly at Bullingdon Centre, is re-opening at Gladstone Rd Community Centre, OX3 8LL every Tuesday 10-12. Free tea/coffee and biscuits, parking available, donations welcome. Any questions? Phone 07792 49 13 50

Madonna and Child Statue is in need of urgent repairs so has been removed temporarily whilst we obtain specialist quotations to renovate the statue.

Eco Church Resources For a list of interesting eco-related webinars and other resources please go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

Tots Service Our Tuesday morning 'Tots Service' has restarted on Tuesdays at 10am. This is an informal church gathering for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. During the winter months and on rainy days we will meet in church. Please contact Revd Laura for more details.

Mothers' Union Bible studies are starting again. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 26th October** at 10.30am in the meeting room at St Andrew's, Old Headington. Further details from Jane Hedges.

Flowers in church The Flower arranging Team are in urgent need of donations to keep providing the beautiful flowers in church each week. If you would like to make a donation or indeed have flowers in memory of someone or for a special anniversary please ring Margaret Woodcock 761588. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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