

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

4th September 2022

Music group introit – Laudate Omnes Gentes (John Bell)
Words of welcome

Hymn 747

Please stand

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me:
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life and death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
based on Psalm 139

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

A minister says

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen**

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, we give you thanks and praise
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn 259

She sits like a bird,
brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings,
mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth,
resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb,
welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire,
startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires
all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.

For she is the Spirit,
one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key
opening the Scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel reading: Luke 14. 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot

be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

*Naomi Lawrence, Charles Reade, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar,
Grace, Sue Saville, Bob Nind, Neil, Liz Owen. Robert Twycross.
Rosemary, Pat, Gillian.*

Those who have died recently:

Bob Cattell, Jim Tallett, Margaret Field, Tony Miles.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Frederick Bartlett, Patrick Martineau, Doris Luckett.

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ.
In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us therefore pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of Peace

Hymn 604

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the milk and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Richard A.M. Gillard (b. 1953)

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

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

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.

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

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 [*N and*] 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.**

Agnus Dei

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.

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The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'slowly'. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He' and 'Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He' for the first system, and 'takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.' and 'takes a - way the sin of the world.' for the second system.

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. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system back to your seat. Those sitting towards the back will be invited to come forwards first. If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive communion in one kind only (the bread). If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.

Music Group Anthem - Thuma mina (Send me), Anders Nyberg

Hymn 141

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy
that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
hold wounds which tell me 'Come.'
Beneath the cross of Jesus
my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
his family is my own –
once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus –
the path before the crown –
we follow in his footsteps
where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
to be his perfect Bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus
we will gladly live our lives.

Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Kristyn Getty (b. 1980)

Prayer after Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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

Please stand

Hymn 510

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 do join us for refreshments outside (or inside if raining!)
Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have
finished with it. We no longer pass the collection plate around during the
service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of
church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation
to support the work of our church.*

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Notices: September 4th

Sunday September 4th: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Forest Sunday School is taking a break and will resume next week on 11th September!

11.30am Churchyard Gardening

6pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Bourgeois O gladsome light

Plainsong responses

Psalm 121

Canticles: Dyson in C

Anthem: Gibbons Almighty and everlasting God

Hymns:

335 My God, accept my heart this day

18 Light of gladness, Lord of glory

476 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday

Tots Service: Tuesdays 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

The flowers in church today have been given by Helen and Alan Day who celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary on 5th September.

Distribution of Holy Communion and the Common Cup

On Pentecost Sunday we reintroduced the chalice at communion, in keeping with House of Bishops guidance which asks that 'communion should now be offered in both kinds'. Although some of us may prefer to receive communion by intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice), this is not recommended practice. If you have any questions or concerns about this do speak to any of the clergy directly. There is no obligation to receive the chalice if you do not wish to.

Churchyard gardening: Today. The churchwardens have oversight of the churchyard on behalf of the PCC, and would like to extend an invitation to our whole church community to come and help with this important work from **11.30-2.30pm**. All ages are welcome – no previous gardening experience needed! Unlimited tea/coffee and cake will be provided! Do bring along gardening gloves and any other equipment (e.g. secateurs) if you can.

We are delighted to let you know that **Joan Walding's album of thanks and appreciation** has now been compiled and was presented to her at a very small teatime gathering at Monika's house on Tuesday. The album included a number of photos and cards and a painting, as well as people's appreciative words, and was further enhanced by Anna Blackwell's handwriting and decorative line drawings of plants and flowers. Both Rachel and Mary have let us know that Joan is very pleased with it. Jan McLeod and Monika Blackwell.

The next **Mothers' Union Bible Study** will be at St Andrew's, Old Headington, on Tuesday **20th September** at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome.

A Film Screening of The Reluctant Convert The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis in aid of the Church Building Development Fund. This will be on **September 25th at 2.30pm** at The Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College. Tea and coffee will be served at 2.30pm. Tickets (£15) available from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-the-most-reluctant-convert-cs-lewis-tickets-398812417677>

'Talking about C. S. Lewis' a Reflective Study Day with the Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth, led by Colin Duriez - a writer on both Lewis and his circle – will take place on Saturday 1st October at the Quaker Meeting House, 41 St Giles, from 9.30am- 4pm. Details are on a poster at the back of the church, or online at the OCSG. Open to all!

St Frideswide Pilgrimage: Saturday 15 October

Join our group setting off from Holy Trinity at **1.30pm on Saturday 15 October** to walk the three miles to Christ Church Cathedral, with time for reflection as we journey with fellow pilgrims. On arrival at the Cathedral there will be prayer stations and tea in the Great Hall. The day ends with a special service for pilgrims, sung by Frideswide Voices, at 5pm. You can book a place via Eventbrite

here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-frideswide-pilgrimage-2022-tickets-390405823327> or contact Emily with any questions (curate@hthq.uk).

HT4U One of the casualties of lockdown was our popular outreach to families and others in the wider community, HT4U. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this, it was an informal service held in the Coach House, which included a variety of activities for all to enjoy. Having spoken to a number of people, Laura and I think it is time to consider launching a revamped service of this style. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts and ideas on this, I would like to invite you to join a steering group to consider what this might look like, with the view to starting something new in January. Please contact Helen Dancer on 07854173016 or helen@nsolve.com and let me know when you are available to meet. I would anticipate meeting from September onwards.

Date for Diary The Christmas Event will be on 19 and 20 November please put these dates in your calendars now! **Fete Committee:** Derek and Margaret Taylor, Mike and Lisa Hill, Janet Foot and Linda & Howard Pearce.

Asylum Welcome are in urgent need of donations to their food bank as stocks are currently running very low. They currently provide food to over 80 adults and children on a weekly basis, distributing up to 1000 items for tinned and fresh food every week. They rely entirely on donations for their food bank and are currently particularly in need of cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. ***Please put items in the crate in the porch*** You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/>. Thank you for your support.

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Worried about the plants in your garden? Think Noah! Confronted by the flood, he took the animals in two by two. Instead of trying to save as many plants as possible, why not concentrate on watering a couple of each species, from which to take cuttings and seeds? *Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group*

Pastoral care team. Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day (308088), Janet Masters (765824), Nell Slocock (762291) or Anne Tarassenko (351739).

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

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