

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

**“Nothing can
separate us”**



A service of prayer and thanksgiving
for those who have died.

November 6th 2022
6pm

Welcome and introduction

We look not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to remember before God those whom we love and see no more, and to give thanks for their lives.

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697-after 1768)
tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897)

Reading Revelation 21.1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the
first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and
the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the
new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

Reflection Music

God be in my head – Walford Davies

Address Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Commemoration of the Departed

Hear us risen Lord,
Our resurrection and our life.
As we remember by name ...

We remember our departed loved ones by name

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
and rise in glory. Amen.

Lighting of Candles

We invite you to come forwards and light a candle of remembrance.

Choir Music for Reflection

Purcell - Thou knowest, Lord

Burroughs - Passing Souls

Bainton - And I saw a new heaven

Prayers

Almighty God, we bring you our thanks and praise today for those who shared our lives in times past. We thank you for times of happiness we had together, for the sorrows and difficulties we faced together, for all the experiences of both sunshine and shadow that we shared.

Almighty God we thank you.

We thank you that our loved ones are in your keeping. Help us to leave them there in perfect trust. We thank you for those who have been a comfort and strength to us, those whose love, care, comfort and understanding have helped us bear our sorrows and overcome our fears.

Almighty God we thank you.

We thank you that this life is not the end and that nothing can separate us from your love. Grant to us, Lord, to trust you not for ourselves alone but also for those whom we love. By your grace, we pray, encourage our hearts and help us to remember that your peace is our comfort and your love is our strength.

Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the Kingdom,

The power and the glory

For ever and ever, Amen.

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the
day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were
skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek, (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)

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.**

Closing Music Elogy – Hubert Parry



Bereavement Support

After the funeral, the church is still here to support you, and our clergy and pastoral care team are available to help.

We are not counsellors, but we offer a space to listen and can signpost you to additional help if you need it. We all cope with grief in different ways. If you would benefit from a chat with someone from the church, please contact us.

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



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