

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



*The Second Sunday of Advent*

*4<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

Welcome to Holy Trinity Headington Quarry—the ‘village’ church in the city. Wherever you are on your walk with God, we hope you will feel welcome here. If you have questions or need help with anything, please speak to one of the welcomers at the door. It’s easy to worry about what to do in church, but the most important thing is that you find time to be with God. The words of the service are in this booklet—please join in the responses in **bold**.

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and joyful preparation. It anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: as the Christ-child in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for Christ’s Coming among us.

As we keep this time of watching and waiting, may we become more deeply aware of the presence of Christ in the quietness and in the darkness—and may the Holy Spirit prompt us to a loving awareness of the presence of Christ in unexpected places and situations.

A prayer as you prepare for worship:

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,  
intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you  
a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you;  
through the power of the Spirit of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(St Benedict, 480-543)

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn 75**

*Please stand*

Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new;  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes,*  
*when he comes,*  
*who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
he will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human. *Ring, bells...*

Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected. *Ring, bells...*

Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*Jesus comes!*  
*We will make him welcome!*

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*The president says*

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candles**

*On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath.*

**Advent 2:** Prophet voices

**Prophet voices loudly crying,  
making pathways clear;  
glimpsing glory, self-denying,  
calling all to hear.  
Through their message—challenged, shaken—  
hearts awaken: God is near!**

*After the candle is lit:*

The people who walked in darkness  
**Have seen a great light**  
Jesus is the light of the world  
**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*The deacon introduces the prayers of penitence*

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*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.**

## Kyrie

Andante

10 Organ *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. *mf* Christ have  
 mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

*The president says*

The almighty and merciful Lord  
 grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins  
 time for amendment of life,  
 and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
 and come among us,  
 and with great might succour us;  
 that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
 we are grievously hindered  
 in running the race that is set before us,  
 your bountiful grace and mercy  
 may speedily help and deliver us;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

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

### **First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the  
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel Reading**

*We repeat the chant as the gospel book is carried forwards:*

**Our darkness is never darkness in your sight – the deepest night is clear as the daylight.**

*The gospel is announced*

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

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 3.1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in our coming Lord

**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.*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

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

*Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Barbara Farrar, Grace,  
Bob Nind, Robert Twycross, Rosemary, Judith, Josie,  
Baby Ezra, Nell Slocock, Diana Harrison, Polly Friedhoff.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Ian Wylie, George Self, Charles Reade, Susan Lloyd.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Frances Gosler, John Stubbles, Albert Allcock.*

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please stand*

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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. We encourage you if you feel comfortable to exchange the peace in the traditional way – by shaking hands. However, please be sensitive to those who prefer to share the peace differently – with a smile, bow or wave.*

## Hymn 51

The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
to bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.

*John Milton, the elder (c. 1563-1647)  
based on verses from Psalms 82, 85, 86*

## 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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For when he humbled himself  
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago  
and opened for us the way of salvation.  
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

### Sanctus and Benedictus

**Moderato**

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with the tempo marking 'Moderato' and a dynamic marking of 'mp'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes dynamic markings of 'mf' and 'ff' and includes measure numbers 10, 19, and 28.

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of  
19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
28 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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. (*Bells are rung*)

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.

*Deacon:* Christ is the bread of life:

**Moderato** **Acclamation**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your  
 death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy\_ on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_ us peace.

### **Invitation to 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.*

**Choir Anthem** On Jordan's bank (Winchester New arr. Malcolm Archer)

## Hymn 34

Earth was waiting, spent and restless,  
with a mingled hope and fear,  
faithful men and women praying,  
'Surely, Lord, the day is near:  
the Desire of all the nations –  
it is time he should appear!'

Then the Spirit of the Highest  
to a virgin meek came down,  
and he burdened her with blessing,  
and he pained her with renown;  
for she bore the Lord's anointed  
for his cross and for his crown.

Earth has groaned and laboured for him  
since the ages first began,  
for in him was hid the secret  
which through all the ages ran –  
Son of Mary, Son of David,  
Son of God, and Son of Man.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## ***The Sending Out***

### **Hymn 47**

*Please stand*

People, look east to see at last  
hopes fulfilled from ages past:  
now in the promise of the morning,  
see, a brighter day is dawning,  
rich with the visions long foretold,  
prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call:  
words of welcome meant for all;  
comfort enough for all our sorrows;  
justice shaping new tomorrows.  
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,  
freed to praise and serve the Lord.

Now, with the coming of the light,  
darkest fears are put to flight;  
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing,  
blown aside by hope's appearing.  
Jesus, the Light of all our days,  
comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Born of our race, a child so small –  
hail the promised Lord of all!  
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,  
he shall rule God's new creation.  
Lift up your eyes, and look again:  
see, he comes in power to reign!

*Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962)*



## **The Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
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**

*A minister says*

As we await our coming Saviour,  
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. 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.*

*In these colder months we will serve refreshments inside church. Please be mindful of the space of others when leaving the church and when collecting refreshments – please take care not to block any aisles.*

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## **Notices: 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>** : The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

6pm Advent Taize Service

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday.

Tots Service: 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

## **Sunday December 11th** : The Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

12.30 Baptism of Florence Simpson and Nicole Brooks

6pm Plainchant Evensong

**2023: A time to build** As we mark a new church year, we invite everyone to pray for our church building project: that 2023 would be a 'time to build':

God of vision and hope,

we thank you for our church building;

a place of prayer and pilgrimage,

witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.

We pray for our plans to develop the building

to further the work of your kingdom in this and future generations.

We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need

to bring the project to completion,

and that we would be united in vision and focus

as we work towards this goal,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone.

Amen.

**The Christmas Event** was a wonderful event which welcomed many new faces from our community. It raised in total £1,266.44.

Our thanks to all the hardworking committee, Mike & Lisa, Derek & Margaret, Janet and Howard & Linda for their tireless efforts.

**Posada 2022.** After a few years of Mary & Joseph being stuck in my house....Posada is back! What is Posada all about? During the evenings leading up to Christmas Day, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel around the parish, visiting a different member of our church every night. This provides a great opportunity to meet new people from our church family, or get to know others a little better as you transport Mary and Joseph to the next home on the rota. There is a prayer to say as you welcome them into your home and as you set them off on their journey to the next one. If you would like to offer Mary and Joseph a home for the night this Advent, please contact Helen Dancer at [helen@nsolve.com](mailto:helen@nsolve.com) or phone: 07854173016 (text probably best) or 765144, giving me suitable dates and I add you to the rota. I will also have the rota with me in church, so catch me after the service. I hope there will be room in your inn this year! ***There are still slots available do join in and sign up.***

The next **Mothers' Union Bible Study** will be at 10.30am on **Tuesday 6th December** at **89 Derwent Avenue**. Everyone is very welcome. Please contact Jane Hedges for further details.

**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 at the back of church 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.

**Headington Repair Café:** Don't condemn broken tools etc to landfill! As of January 10th, the Bring and Fix Café will be back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. The last session in their temporary home at the Gladstone Rd. Community Centre OX3 8LL will be held on Tuesday 13th December. Experts offer to fix most small electric and household items. Free tea/coffee, biscuits and parking are available. A small donation is appreciated.

For further information please phone: 07792 49 13 50.

Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

**Eco Church Resources** Take your pick! The Autumn List gives details (and links for booking) for webinars that are new this season, also a link to a list of previous webinars that you might have missed at the time:

<https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

**Eco Tips** Eco Tip of the Week: We all know that tinsel and paper that springs back after you've scrunched it up are bad news for the environment. Why not get creative and make DIY pasta snowflakes, and home-made decorations, such as paper chains from old magazines, evergreen foliage with cones and bows, home-made cards and re-usable crackers? (Yes, they exist and can be filled year after year with zero-waste surprises!). And secure your presents with gummed tape, coloured wool and raffia or string.

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**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, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

**Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

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

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