

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Third Sunday of Advent

11th 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 45

Please stand

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave: *Rejoice!...*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put the flight: *Rejoice!...*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery: *Rejoice!...*

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe: *Rejoice!...*

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
translated from Latin Advent Antiphons

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 3: John the Baptist

**John the Baptist by his preaching
and by water poured,
brought to those who heard his teaching
news of hope restored:
'Keep your vision strong and steady,
and be ready for our Lord'.**

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 Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the chant as the gospel book is carried forwards:

Within our darkest night you kindle a fire that never dies away.

The gospel is announced

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 11. 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

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:

Alan Carter, Jean Berryman, Isobel Hodgson, John Whitwick, Gillian Collier.

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 46

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia
Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler
(1806-1876)

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 treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a *Moderato* tempo marking. The score is divided into four systems of music, each with a measure number (10, 19, 28) at the start. The lyrics are written below the notes. Dynamic markings include *mp*, *mf*, *f*, and *ff*. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
10 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
19 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
28 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 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (French Carol arr. Stephen Cleobury)*

Hymn 38

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
 'cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
 let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

*Edward Caswall (1814-1878
based on Vox clama ecce intonate, (Latin, 5th or 6th century)*

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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 39

Please stand

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of the world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

*Editors of English Praise, 1975
based on Charles Ernest Oakley
(1832-1865)*

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: 11th December

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

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Thursday.

Tots Service: 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday December 18th : The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am All-Age Nativity Service – *please dress up in any festive way you like including Christmas jumpers, and come join in with the Nativity story.*

6pm Christmas Carol Service (also live-streamed on YouTube)

If anyone can donate Mince pies for refreshments after the service please see Helen Day or leave a message on the Parish Office answerphone (need 150).

Christmas Services

Saturday 24th December

2.30pm & 4pm Christingle Services

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December

8am Said Communion

10am Family Eucharist

We anticipate these Christmas services being quite busy. Please wrap up warm (doors will be open for ventilation before the services).

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.

Rosie Tweddle our Musical Director is leaving after 7 years of wonderful music making. There will be an opportunity to thank her at the carol service, but her last service with us will be on Christmas Day.

Warm Welcome Space: in the Coach House, will be starting Friday 9th December 10am – 12pm. Take a poster and let as many people know about this as you can. No booking required just turn up.

On **Friday 16th December** our warm space session will be at the later time of 11.30-2.00pm and will include soup and light refreshments. It is open for all to enjoy the company and a chat and a free light lunch.

Sponsored by Quarry WI and Holy Trinity. For info contact Margaret Taylor 765051.

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: This week's Eco Tip: Is your home losing heat from around external doors? Install a door curtain, being sure to cover the edges of the door, or make a sausage draft excluder. Dig out some old fabric, make a cylinder and stuff it with old T-shirts or whatever suitable fabric comes to hand. 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, Janet Masters, Nell Slocock or Anne Tarassenko.

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

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