

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



The 6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th May 2023

Words of welcome

Please stand

Hymn 729

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright,
how beautiful thy mercy-seat,
in depths of burning light!

How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
and awful purity!

O how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tenderest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope
and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee!

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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 his 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.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
through 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn 602

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: John 14.15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

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

*Deirdre Twycross, Natalia Stoneman, Jemima, Caroline, Naomi
Lawrence, Kate Samuel, Grace, Rosemary, Judith, Josie, Kitty Datta,
Polly Friedhoff, Evelyn Clare, Baby George, Bob Southgate, Benji,
Caroline Wilson.*

Those who have died recently:

Geoffrey Foster, Rachael Richmond, Chris Niblett, Bob Nind.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Michael Siggery, Elsie Wharton, Gillian Reade, Marjorie Butler,
Nigel Allington.*

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 466

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent:
the grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared, as when he came:
the Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk his way.

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we
may bring light to your world.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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 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.
takes a - way the sin of the world.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Hymn 806

Please remain seated

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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

Hymn 220

Please stand

Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;
speak now in us that we might hear your call;
Living word of Jesus, sound within us all.

Love that formed and named us, filled this clay with breath;
Love that seeks and claims us, Love beyond all death;
come now and fire the life that flows from you;
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.

Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free;
voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea;
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;
Song that sang in Jesus, sing within us here.

God of all creation, form our hearts anew;
God of all salvation, lead us home to you;
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;
living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

Marty Haughen (b. 1950)

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

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Notices: May 14th

Sunday May 14th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Christian Aid Week themed Eucharist

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday May 21st: Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Upcoming Special Services:

Thursday 18th May 7.30pm. Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day joint with the choirs of St Andrews and All Saints Headington.

Sunday 4th June 10am Parish Eucharist on Trinity Sunday -
Preacher is Revd Prof William Whyte

Sunday 11th June 10am All-Age Eucharist Barnabas the Encourager

Sunday 25th June 3pm: Emily's ordination to the Priesthood at the University Church, Oxford

Sunday 2nd July 10am: Emily's first celebration of the Eucharist.

Dates for Diaries:

APCM - May 24th 7.30pm – *see notices*

Summer Soiree - Saturday 24th June 6-8pm

Church fete - 15th July- *see notices*

Hymns of Creation: Fundraising Concert at Magdalen College Chapel -
Saturday 29th July 6pm

2023: A time to build: Important Update

After careful consideration, the PCC is now exploring how we can press on with our building plans before planning permission expires later this year. We believe a shortfall of £250,000 remains to fulfil our plans, and the PCC has started to explore the possibility of a loan (secured against the parish house on Binswood Avenue) and the need for a fresh and final fundraising appeal to the congregation to help finance this. More details will follow in the weeks ahead, and we ask everybody to keep this process in their prayers:

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.

Pentecost Sunday 28th May As part of our Pentecost celebrations we hear the story of the spirit's descent in many different languages. If you speak another language and would like to take part in the reading, please contact Helen Day (office@hthq.uk 01865 762931)

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday May 24th at 7.30pm in church**. This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend so please put this date in your diary.

Christian Aid Week 14th - 20th May

Hunger lunch next **Thursday 18th May** at 3, Barton Road from 12 to 2pm. There will be bread and cheese with coeliac and vegan alternatives. Do bring your friends and neighbours along.

Spring Tea next Saturday 20th May at the Coach House Following last year's very enjoyable event we are again going to hold a Spring Tea from **3 to 5pm** with a toy stall, plant stall, book stall, face painting and children's activities in addition to the refreshments

Please start potting up plants and looking out books and toys in good condition. They can be brought to the **Coach House on Friday 19th May** between 6.30pm and 8.30pm or contact Elizabeth Knight (01865 761476) Cakes can be brought on the day from 2.30pm or delivered to Elizabeth.

7th Headington Brownies and Headington Quarry Village Hall are having a Spring clear-out plus plant sale next Saturday **20th May from 9am till 1pm**, money raised will be going towards a new kitchen for the Village Hall. If you would also like to book a table to do your own spring clear-out, tables are £5 please contact Frances at eventsqhvh@gmail.com

Archway fundraiser: One of our church's charities, The Archway Foundation, is having a fundraiser on Saturday 20th May, and Kevin and Janet Masters are running a Water/Wine bottle stall. If anyone is able to donate some bottles of wine it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Kevin or Janet for more details. Thank you.

Summer Fete 15 July 2023 *please put this date in your calendars.*
Last year we made a real effort to reduce the environmental impact of running the fete, in particular the problem of disposing of unsuitable donated items which had to be taken to the tip. The main problems came from Toys and White Elephant items. We would ask you again this year only to donate items which can be sold, so nothing half-

used, in poor condition or out of date.

We would be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Other donations of wine for the Water to Wine or an item for the Tombola would be welcomed.

Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

Reserve Drivers needed: We are building up a list of reserve drivers, who would be prepared to offer lifts to church from time to time, as need arises. This service is enormously valuable to those who would otherwise be unable to get to church. If it's something you feel able to do (or, even better, if you would like to join the regular rota of drivers), please get in touch with Anne Tarassenko: annetarassenko@hotmail.com, 07443 652082.

Latest Eco Resources List: For links and details of a range of webinars and other materials on environmental issues, please go to <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources>

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: In England we have a greater acreage of gardens than of nature reserves. All life needs water, not least the wildlife in our gardens. To keep the garden birds happy, children could be encouraged to put out a plant pot saucer and keep it topped up with clean water as a bird bath, or put a few pebbles into a bowl of water to form a little beach. Or how about a project, such as... making a garden pond? See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5BhhxcD5T8> (Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group)

Save the Date – The Parish Trip to the seaside in Bournemouth at Alum Chine is back by popular demand! **Only 10 seats left** now for **17th June** leaving the Coach house at 8.30am seats are £15 each. For more information or to reserve your seat please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk For those of you who have never been on the trip this is for all ages to visit a wonderful sandy safe beach, with gardens behind, a long sea front and great facilities including a play area.

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! The Bring and Fix Café is back every Tuesday 10.00-12.00 in the (newly-revamped) Bullingdon Community Centre, Peat Moors, OX3 7HS. 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

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, or Anne Tarassenko.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

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