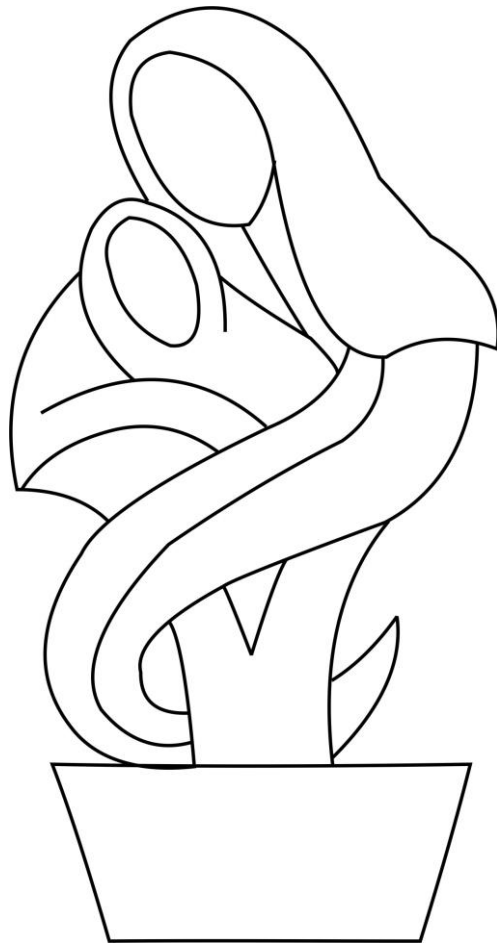


Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Mothering Sunday
Sunday 10th March 2024

Words of welcome

Hymn 739

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun Danket, trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name
to sing your praise,
to hear your story,
and to receive your gifts,
fill us with your love,
your peace and your joy.
Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Please sit

Let us call to mind the ways in which we have
failed to love one another as Christ loved us,
and let us seek the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception,
yet we fail to live as your children.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good,
yet we seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help,
yet we ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading Exodus 2:2-10

The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby's older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel Reading: John 19:25b-27

Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

Talk

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

As children of a loving God
let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and stronghold.

This response is used

God of love

Hear our prayer

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

*Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel,
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,
Benji, Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Andrew Allcock.*

Those who have died recently:

Bishop Alan Wilson, Gwynneth Knight, Janne Goble.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Barbara Minchin, Marae Griffin, Doreen Whitlock.

Loving God, accept these our prayers,
and through them transform us and all creation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 747

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 ev'ry moment of life or 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)

Preparation of the Table

The President takes the bread and wine and says

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato

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

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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, 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.

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. With the North aisle inaccessible, you will be directed down and back up the central aisle. To make this as smooth as possible, please allow everyone in your pew to come out before queueing. Those sitting towards the back on each side will be invited to come forwards first.

If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. 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 587

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.

Amen.

A Maori version of the Lord's Prayer, from the New Zealand Prayer Book

The Sending Out

Hymn

As truly as our father,
God is our mother too:
she bore the whole creation,
her beauty shining through.
'I am the light and grace', she says,
'which is all blessed love.
From darkest void I formed you,
the blossom and the bud'.

Our God, she is the eagle
who shelters us from harm;
and safe beneath her feathers
is comfort, hope, and calm.
'I am the unity', she says,
as gathered 'neath her wings
we find again, together,
the wholeness that she brings.

Our mother God is with us
to teach us how to be
one world entwined together
in all diversity.
'I am the trinity', she says,
'that living dance of love;
come further in, and learn to dance
below as we above'.

'I am the living water,
the well within the Word.
Your thirst is never-ending;
your restless hearts still yearn.
'It is I that make you love', she says,
'it is I that make you long,
and I that call you onwards
to your eternal home'.

In God is love eternal,
in which we once were formed.
Our end, as our beginning;
the hope to which we're called.

'I am the true eternal fulfilment of desire,
the three-in-one, the light, the way,
the all-consuming fire'.

Emily Hockliffe Essex, based on words by Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416)

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with 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 collect a daffodil posy outside of church. You are welcome to take one to remember your mother or any mothering influence in your life, or to give to someone you think would appreciate it. Our grateful thanks to Val Wells, Bernie and Frances Farrar for making the posies.

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Notices: March 10th

Sunday March 10th Mothering Sunday

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – All Age Parish Eucharist with distribution of daffodil posies.

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House.

Tuesday March 12th at 10am Tots Service in the Coach House.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday March 17th Passion Sunday

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

Housekeeping matters during the building work: Please kindly note that toilet facilities are available at the Coach House, and the vestry is now strictly out of use. Seating is more restricted inside the church - please be considerate when choosing a pew and allow space for latecomers if possible (**please consider filling up from the front!**). The back pews are reserved for children and families attending Sunday school. In the event of an emergency, fire exits are at the main church door and the chancel door. As the colder months approach please remember to wrap up warm when you come to church. With the north aisle boxing we don't have the full benefit of the church heating. Fleece blankets are available from the welcomers if needed!

We are so grateful that the building work is progressing smoothly and to plan! Although the church will look and feel quite different over the coming months of building work, we remember that we have laboured for a very long time to bring these plans to fruition, and we all look forward in faith and hope to the completion of the works in 2024. Please continue to hold the project in your prayers. As the psalmist writes: 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build it in vain' (Psalm 127.1). We ask you all to pray especially for wisdom for our architect and contractors, and for peaceful relations with our neighbours and local residents affected by the work.

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.

Fair Trade Sale is in the Coach House, **today** after the 10am service. There will be chocolate, of course, and eggs big and small as well as many FT products. Come and give your support.

Tots Morning – Our next tots morning will be held next Tuesday **12th March at 10am in the Coach House.**

The Church Electoral Roll do you need to update?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming upon us again. 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, but if you wish to vote or to stand for office you need to be on the parish electoral roll, our list of voting members.

The electoral roll also lets us know how many members we have, which is useful in all kinds of ways. So please consider joining if you consider yourself part of our community but are not yet on the roll.

If you are already on the roll, have you moved house in the last year? If so, please let me know.

Is there anyone who needs to be removed from the roll, because they have died or moved away? If so, please let me know.

Are you not on the roll, but you would like to be? Please pick up an application from the church, or download it from the church website, fill it in and return it, either to church or direct to me, either physically or by email – you can fill in and return the form electronically, it doesn't need a physical signature if you return it by email.

I'm also pleased to answer any questions you may have – I can even tell you whether you live inside or outside the parish boundaries!

The roll has to be closed for some weeks before the annual meeting, so please ensure that any applications or other changes are notified to me before 21st April 2024.

Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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Calling all singers Would you like to sing in any of the following services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and or join in with the All Saints Easter Day Carol Service? Please contact Helen in the office by next Tuesday 12th. On **Easter Day** we will again sing the Handel chorus so bring your copy with you and we will be accompanied by Andrew Patterson on the organ.

Picturing the Passion: Holy Week through our Church Building

This year during Holy Week we will use features of our church building as a visual focus for prayer and devotion. The clergy will offer talks on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, which will focus on three of our beautiful stained glass windows. Other images of the building will complement the services on Palm Sunday, Wednesday Compline, and the Easter Vigil. Our hope is that, during this time of change and transition, we can be reminded of the story of our church building, and find renewed hope and courage as we look to the future.

Celebrating thirty years of women priests: Sunday June 9th

Please save the date for this special service! We are delighted to welcome Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH, as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

Newsletter The deadline for the next online newsletter is **Thursday 28 March**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at newsletter@hthq.uk. Thank you very much.

Can you help? Following our recent PCC meeting, we are looking for some extra congregational support to enable our new working groups to flourish and succeed. **Would you be interested in joining one of our newly formed groups?**

1. Finance and strategy. Led by Richard Stoneman, this group will explore the recommendations of our recent financial review, helping our church to become more financially sustainable in both the short and long term.

2. 175th anniversary celebrations

Led by Margaret Taylor and Frances Farrar, this group will oversee the celebrations for our church's 175th birthday, which will coincide with the end of our building project.

Please contact any of the group leaders if you are interested in joining or finding out more - we would love you to join us! You can also email or phone Helen in the Parish Office who would be happy to pass your contact details on to the group leaders.

New Churchyard Working Party Next Saturday March 16th March 10 – 12 noon The churchwardens have asked me to try and restart regular churchyard work parties. I hope some of the previous work party members will be able to help again but we should very much welcome new volunteers. The work involved is mainly weeding, edging, general tidying, some pruning which will be supervised and shared out depending on who comes along on the day.

Perhaps some people might take over the maintenance of particular neglected graves, which could be done in their own time. Volunteers need to bring their own secateurs and weeding implements, with gloves if required if at all possible. We have a supply of digging and cutting tools for any heavier jobs. Please contact Susan Houlton or Helen Day in the Parish Office

The Oxford Community Passion Play 2024 will be performed in Hinksey Park on Holy Saturday, March 30th, at 12noon and 2.30pm. **Everyone is welcome** to join us in exploring the dramatic events leading up to the joy of that first Easter Sunday, more than 2,000 years ago. No need to book as this is a free event.

More than 48 actors, musicians, singers and backstage crew are involved, coming from all walks of life in Oxford. We have the support of seven

churches and although the production team are all professional theatre makers, everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer.

Please bring family, friends and neighbours to witness the emotional events of that first Easter week-end, and enjoy the good news it brings!

Directions: Only a short 15 minute walk from the city centre, or by buses: 35, 46, ST1, X1, X2, X32

Lent Resources

This year's Diocesan 'Come and See' course is entitled: The Way of Love. Everyone who registers will receive a daily short email to reflect on, and a weekly short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail. The materials are suitable both for those who are exploring faith for the first time and those with an established faith. There are also special materials for family groups and schools. You can sign up here:

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

If you would like a book to help deepen your life of prayer during Lent, Revd Laura recommends: *The Way of Ignatius: A Prayer Journey through Lent*, by Gemma Simmonds. If you are interested in meeting to discuss the book, please get in touch with Laura: we may set up a group meeting midway through Lent to share our reflections together.

Stitching the Cross - a series of four embroidery retreats at Christ Church Cathedral: 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March (10am-4pm). Reflections on four different cross designs will be given by Cathedral clergy during the day, with instruction given on stitching (suitable for all levels). The cost is £60 per person per day. Booking is essential (you can book for the series or just one date). Further enquiries and to book: sally.welch@chch.ox.ac.uk

Save the Date – Back by popular demand the coach has been booked for the **annual parish day out at Alum Chine Bournemouth on 22nd June** seats will be £20 each to book your seat or for more information about this All Age wonderful day please email frances.farrar23@gmail.com

Annual Friendship Walk of Faiths 6-8.00pm, Thursday 27 June The Walk begins at 6pm from the Jewish Centre, Richmond Road, stops at St Giles and the University Church, and ends at about 8pm at a mosque in East Oxford. At each place the Walkers are greeted and there are reflections from members of different faith traditions. The synagogue will be open to visitors from 5.30pm. The Walk is organised by the Oxford Council of Faiths (OxCoF) It provides an opportunity to meet and walk with people from Oxford's many different faith communities. People of all faiths and none are welcome to join in the Walk.

This week's Eco Tips: Take part in The Big Plastic Count (11-17 March). Households, schools, community groups, and businesses will count their plastic packaging waste and share their results to help form a national picture of plastic waste in the UK. The findings will be critical for the Global Plastics Treaty, where nations will come together to set new global rules for the production of plastic. Why not do your own survey?
Hilary Rollin, Eco Group.

Eco Resources Spring 2024

For suggestions about ECO Resources, including links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), discussion groups, talks etc., go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>. Hilary Rollin, Eco Group

Energy Recovery Facility Tour:

The Ardley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), offers a fascinating tour on what happens to our general waste, and how it is turned into a resource.

For more information, and to book your free visit, go to: <https://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/visiting-our-facilities/ardley-visitor-centre/> or email enquiries@viridor.co.uk Hilary Rollin, 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 on back page) 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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