

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY

MY LORD and MY GOD



The 2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday 7th April 2024, 10am

Words of welcome

Hymn 219

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

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.

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

The Greeting

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.

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff contains the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (quarter), C#4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

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

Gospel reading: John 20:19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he

had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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:

*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:

*Fr Christopher Hewetson, Margaret Baker, Baby Jaxson, Bishop Alan
Wilson, Gwynneth Knight.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Jean Price, Warren Lewis, John Kerry, Sam Wheeler,
Valerie Coleman, Gillian Lowe.*

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 209

Please stand

Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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 E

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. 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 236

Please remain seated

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
for all eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 203

Please stand

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing to-day with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)

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.

Please do join us for refreshments in the Coach House via the Quarry Road path. 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. If you would like to sign up to regular monthly giving, please visit www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church for more information.

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Notices: April 7th

Sunday April 7th: Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist *NB No Forest Sunday School today.*

Sunday April 14th: Third Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: *Please note will resume on Monday 15th April at 9am*
Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

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.

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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Fr Christopher Hewetson it is with great sadness that we have learned that Fr Chris died in North Devon on Tuesday 2 April. Fr Chris succeeded Fr Head as Vicar of Holy Trinity in 1990. The Ministry of Fr Chris and his wife Alison is remembered with much fondness and gratitude. An example of this being the Coach house which came into being during his time here. Our love and prayers go with Alison, his wife, and all the family.

Hearing Loop Update: our loop system had to be disconnected during the work on the west end of church, we are really pleased that the contractors have found a way to reinstate it and it is now functioning. Please have a chat with a welcomer or one of the sound team if you are having problems.

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 22 May 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.

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.

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

This week's Eco Tips: Simplicity and Sustainability. We're told that eating more plants and less meat and dairy is the single biggest step to reducing our carbon footprint, besides being good for our health. If Veganuary was not for you, why not try giving up meat and dairy for just one day a week? *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 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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