

**HOLY TRINITY HEADINGTON QUARRY**

**A CELEBRATION  
OF SHARED LIFE  
AND MINISTRY**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

We wanted this service to be a celebration of our life and ministry here at Holy Trinity and so there will be no sermon but we have arranged contributions from a number of different groups which represent much of what we have valued about being here and which hopefully will make connections and bring back memories.

There is no way, however, we can include everything which we have valued over the years and so we hope you will be able to accept this as a sample of so much more.

Finally, heartfelt thanks to all you who have been part of our life and shared in ministry in this place.

Thank you!!

# ¶ The Gathering of the People

## Music group

*Which, month by month, has lifted our worship with their blend of folk and world music. Thank you!*

We will walk with God/Sizohamba naye  
*(Swaziland traditional, transcribed by the Swedish Youth Exchange project, translation John Bell)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn: **Tell out my soul 394**

The Greeting

In the name God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word, Spirit of truth.

**Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Confession (remain standing)

Christ our savior has been raised to new life!  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and  
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*Deacon:* As we stand, let us keep a moment of quiet reflection.

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

O God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayer for the day

Let us pray that we may live the risen life

*Silence is kept*

*The prayer for the day is said and all respond: Amen.*

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

## **From morning prayers**

*Three days a week over the years members of the congregation have met and prayed with us in the lady chapel at 8.30am. This has been a special way to start the day where we have also experimented with non-gendered language about God as in this version of the Magnificat.*

### **The Magnificat**

*(English Language Liturgical Commission version)*

## **Choir**

*Which, under Rosie's wonderful guidance, produces such beautiful music week by week and on our festivals both leading the congregation and offering music for reflection. Thank you!*

### **Pitoni Cantate Domino**

## **Members of laZers youth club + friends**

*A wonderfully stimulating group which has met at the Vicarage on Sunday evenings over the years. Thank you for your honesty and vitality! And thank you Susie for such outstanding scripts.*

### **A scene from 'Through the wardrobe door'**

*(Susie's play about the life and work of C.S. Lewis)*

## Trinitas folk group

*This group has lead the music for the Folk Mass both here and at other churches as well as a number of singing evenings at Archway. Thank you for the music!*

### Mary don't you weep

*Traditional spiritual adapted by black Pentecostal churches during the civil rights movement. For us it is a song of liberation.*

1. Well if I could I surely would  
Stand on the rock where Moses stood  
**Pharaoh's army got drowned,**  
**O Mary don't you weep**

**O Mary don't you weep don't mourn**  
**O Mary don't you weep don't mourn**  
**Pharaoh's army got drowned**  
**O Mary don't you weep**

2. Well Mary wore 3 links of chain  
On every link was Jesus' name ....

3. Well one of these nights 'bout 12 O'clock  
This old world is gonna rock .....

4. Well old Mr. Satan he got mad  
Missed that soul he thought he had ....

*(Quiet verse)*

5. Brothers and sisters don't you cry  
There'll be good times by and by ....

6. God gave Noah the rainbow sign  
Said: "No more water, but *fire* next time ....

# REFLECTION

## Mindfulness

*With many thanks to all who have worked with us to develop mindfulness in the Christian context over the years.*

### Mindfulness - Julia Cousins

There are days when you come to sit  
reluctantly, inwardly fidgeting,  
the monkey mind distracted,  
skittering about.

All you can do is sit  
noticing what happens,  
returning your attention  
again and again  
to the anchor of the breath.

Yet sometimes the moment  
simply enfolds you;  
thoughts pass  
like drifting clouds,  
unable to disturb the place  
where silence winds you  
deep into itself.

It doesn't seem to matter  
whether you struggle or not,  
so long as you allow  
whatever is  
to be as it is  
and sit with it.

That is the unexpected grace.

*Silence*



## Home group

*Our home group over the years has been very special to us and particularly as we have tried to be open with one another in exploring themes of doubt and uncertainty. Thank you for your honesty.*

A creed: 'I believe' – Dominic Vickers

*(from an unsigned inscription found on the wall of a cave in Cologne where Jews had been hiding during the war)*

I believe in the sun  
though it is late  
in rising

I believe in love  
though it is absent

I believe in God  
though there is silence ....

*Silence*

## Outreach to Risinghurst and Wood Farm

*Holy Trinity may have its roots in the Quarry but the parish stretches far further. As we pray for our church and its future, let us especially give thanks for the work we have shared in at the Event in Wood Farm and Grave Talk, shared lunches and home groups in Risinghurst. Many have been involved in these but Margaret and Derek seem to get everywhere!*

Prayers of intercession – Margaret and Derek Taylor

## The ministry team

*It has been an enormous joy working with our wonderful ministry team and also with others in ministry along the way. We would very much like to think that we will continue in ministry just as you will all be.*

## Commissioning

Will you continue on the path of seeking for the truth – not afraid of going to the end of your thoughts?

**We will**

And will you continue to seek meaning in the life of Jesus for our day and to live out and share that meaning in the world?

**We will**

And will you seek to follow the way of integrity and love that your lives may be a blessing to others?

**We will.**

May the source of all goodness, beauty and truth which has inspired you in these things, give you the strength, courage and faith to live them out. **Amen.**

May the life of Jesus be an inspiration to you all your days – challenging you in your comforts and comforting you in your needs.

**Amen.**

May the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth and all the holy ones lead you further into the dance of life that, dancing with others, you may plant orchards of fruit bearing trees.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God: Holy, Human – Life giving Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen.**

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace (*all 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 Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Deacon:* Let us rejoice and offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## The offertory

The offertory hymn is sung: **Let us build a house 365**  
(*During which the collection is taken and the altar prepared*)

*Names of those to be offered in prayer are read out.*

*As our gifts of bread and wine are offered:*

Reader: What do we bring to Christ's table?

**All We bring bread,  
made from many people's work,  
from an unjust world,  
where some have plenty and many go hungry.**

Priest: At this table all are fed and no one is turned away.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Reader: What do we bring to Christ's table?

**All**            **We bring wine,  
made from many people's work,  
from an unjust world,  
where some live in luxury  
and most struggle to survive.**

Priest: At this table all share the cup of pain and  
celebration.

**All**            **Thanks be to God**

### *Blessing the gifts of the people*

May the Lord bless these gifts and all gifts given to the church  
that they may be used to bring new hope to the  
downtrodden and new life to all who wait upon your word.  
**Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus is here!

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Reader:* Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

*Deacon:* Let's listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

*Reader:* You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky,  
everything that gives us light.

*Reader:* You give us the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air, and every plant and tree.

*Reader:* You give us friends and families  
busy streets for young and old.

*Reader:* You give us your love,  
even when things go wrong.

*Reader:* You give us happy times  
and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom,  
a feast for all your children.  
You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and to praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Reader:* Why do we share this bread and wine?

*Deacon:* Let's listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

***(The bread is raised. Bells are rung)***

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

***(The wine is raised. Bells are rung)***

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Reader:* How do we follow Jesus Christ?

*Deacon:* Let's listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We sit or kneel for a period of silence.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

## The Lamb of God

**Agnus Dei**

8 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  
15 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant\_ us peace.

## Invitation to communion

Alleluia! Christ is risen and invites us to the heavenly banquet!  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Parents of children who have been gathered round the altar are invited to come forward first to receive communion or a blessing with their children.*

*All are welcome to come forward to the altar to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, then please keep your head bowed as the priest approaches.*



## Music during communion

The music group anthem: We belong to God  
*(Words and melody Mexican source, translation and  
arrangement by John Bell)*

**Communion hymn: I cannot tell 666**

## Prayer after Communion

**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 who 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.**

## ¶ Blessing and Dismissal

### HT4U/Sunday club

*What a great time we have had together! Thank you all for your energy and for all who we have worked with in the children's work. It's been fun!*

*There may be notices .....*

### Blessing.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess Jesus Christ as your Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God ...

**Amen.**

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go in the joy & peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Final Hymn: We are marching

*During this final song, choir clergy, Susie, the children and anyone who wants to join us will march round the church until we tire and then and out of the church. Do join us.*

We are marching in the light of God x4  
We are marching ..... we are marching woho!  
We are marching in the light of God x2

We are moving in the love of God ...

We are jumping in the joy of God ....

We are marching in the light of God ....

*An organ voluntary is played – thank you Rosie!!!*

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