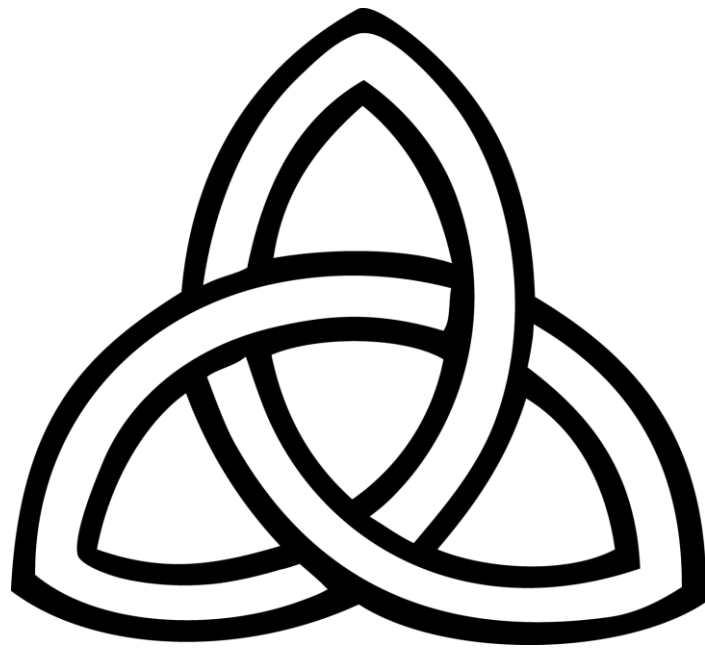


Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Trinity Sunday

26th May 2024, 10am

Cantique de Jean Racine - *Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) (arr. organ)*

Words of welcome.

Hymn 276

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

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

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

Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our redeemer.

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.**

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 God's kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Tune: Ode to Joy.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

Romans 8. 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is this word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



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

John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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. The following response may be used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

*Kate Samuel, Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta,
Bob Southgate, Benji, Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens,
Pam, Margaret Bastock, Madeline Tarrant.*

Those who have died recently:

Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Barbara Deane, Janet Patrick.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Jean Snowdon, George Baker, Marcelle Self, Dolly Pearce.

At the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

Please stand

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may share a sign of Peace

Hymn 663

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c. 1645-1694)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine.
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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.
All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _

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heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

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Bless - ed _ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho -

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san - na in _ the high - est. _ Ho - san - na in _ the hig - est.

Hymn 418

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours 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

p, *cresc.*, *f*
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

5 *mf*, *dim.*
Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 274

Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

Terrye Coelho (b. 1952)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn 277

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me;

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three. ,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

attributed to St Patrick (372-466) tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary: Sortie in E-flat major -

Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

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: May 26th

Please read the weekly notices to find out about upcoming events and services. Clergy will highlight some of these notices in their brief welcome. If there is something you would particularly like highlighted at the start of the service, please notify the clergy (by email or phone) in good time before the service, or speak to them before the service starts if this is not possible.

Sunday May 26th: Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Midweek Services

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

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

St Andrews church Headington warmly invite us to their Sung Eucharist and procession on the feast of Corpus Christi at **7pm Thursday 30th May**.

Sunday June 2nd: The First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

The **deadline** for the next online **newsletter is Thursday 6th June**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at newsletter@hthq.uk. Thank you very much.

Celebrating thirty years of women priests: Sunday June 9th

Please join us for this special service! We are delighted to welcome Revd Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH (Women and the Church), as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

Barbara Deane who many will remember as a friend, member of our congregation and a resident of Emden House died last Sunday May 5th. Her funeral will be here in church on Tuesday 25th June at 12 noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

Naomi Lawrence It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Naomi, a much-loved member of our congregation for many years. Naomi died whilst visiting her family in St Helena, a visit which she had been looking forward to as her last opportunity to see her native land. As all who have been part of the Wednesday morning congregation will know,

Naomi had been ill for many years, but she bore her troubles with fortitude and always wore a smile on her face. She will be much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

The latest edition of **Pathways** is available in the church porch.

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. **Please remember to wrap up warm when you come to church because the heating is now switched off.** Fleece blankets are available from the welcomers if needed!

We are so grateful that the building work is progressing smoothly and to plan! 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.

Save the date: Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September

This open weekend will be an opportunity to explore and celebrate our completed building work. On Saturday 14th September our church will be open to all from 10am to 4pm serving refreshments and showing displays on the theme of Holy Trinity's past, present, and future! During this time a Narnia trail will be available for children and families. That evening at 7pm will be a concert, showcasing some of the musical talent in our community.

On Sunday 15th September, we are delighted that the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us for our 10am Parish Eucharist to bless our church building following completion of the building works. The Bishop will also be confirming several members of our congregation during this service. **If you are interested in exploring confirmation**, please get in touch with any of our clergy.

HTHQ175 A group has been formed to make plans for the parish to celebrate in the autumn the completion of the church building work, and the 175th anniversary of its consecration. We would like to create a photographic history of the people and events that have taken place at Holy Trinity over the years. If you have photographs of family/community events at the church that you would be willing to share with us please could you let the wardens know, and provide a copy with the event and date added. Thank you. Janet Masters

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.

Churches Together Ecumenical Prayers

To celebrate the revival of Churches Together in Headington, an informal Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom has restarted. It will be shared prayers from whoever is there. **Every Monday at 11 am for 20 minutes**, with the option to chat afterwards. Drop in if you are free, no need to RSVP. The Zoom links is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85259570164?pwd=GmpnS6RKDIBAWdGnJm5kBCBSAFbU3p.1>

Can you help? A request has come from another church to ask if any one can offer a room, as a retired couple from Devon are having to come to Oxford to stay whilst the husband is receiving life saving surgery at the JR. His wife is need of somewhere to stay, when he's in hospital, dates tbc but will be fairly. Please contact Helen in the Parish Office.

Eco Church Talk: Next **Wednesday 29 May, 7.30-9pm** Tom Crook will give a presentation on 'The Great Stink: Victorian sewerage systems - and why we're still dumping sewage in rivers', to be followed by questions, discussion and refreshments. Venue: the Coach House. All are welcome. Hilary Rollin, for Eco Group

This week's Eco Tips: More on car use. With modern cars, tyres are said to create more pollution than do exhaust emissions. Tyres shed particles during harsh acceleration and braking, so we can save the environment and save on fuel by driving smoothly!

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

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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