



A Celebration of Ministry Sunday 9th June 2024

Introit We will walk with God (English/Swahili) *The Gathering*

Words of welcome

Hymn (t.497)

Please stand

Glory to God, the mother of creation, in love you brought the universe to birth, then gave your life to purchase the salvation of all the sons and daughters of the earth. Glory to you, for love that's shown through history: the warp and weft that patterns time and space. By grace you're known, yet known to be a mystery, and we can touch eternity in your embrace.

Glory to you for calling us to service, shepherds and stewards, messengers and priests, we give ourselves in gratitude and gladness as guests and hosts at your thanksgiving feast. Our hearts exult in loving affirmation, We sing with joy, your greatness we proclaim. Your praise resounds in every generation, Our souls with Mary magnify your holy name.

We are united, in Christ's body dwelling, one in the Spirit: wind and fire and dove; one in the grace and hope of every calling, to lift the ways of earth to heaven above. Through all our lives your power is ever flowing, To show your work of love is underway; Stir up your gift in us, your grace bestowing, so we may speak and live your Word afresh today.

> The Revd Ally Barrett (b. 1975) **The Greeting**

The president says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We are the body of Christ: one body with many members. We have many gifts, but one Spirit; many callings, but one Guide. God has clothed the least of us with honour. We belong together. Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 12

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

Sisters and brothers in Christ, today we celebrate thirty years of women priests in our Church of England. We have travelled far and yet there is still far to go.

God calls us out of darkness into light. Therefore, in the light of Christ, which reveals the secrets of our hearts, let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

We have lived as for ourselves and not for the good of all creation.

Lord, have mercy.

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We have failed to recognise the image of God in one another.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

We have torn and divided that which was meant to be whole.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. 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. After Gloria in Excelsis , Michael Perry (1942 - 1996) © *Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

New Testament Reading: Romans 16. 1–7, 12–16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother – a mother to me also. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

This is the 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 Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 24. 1-11

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

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

Sermon

Revd Christina Rees CBE

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.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need: 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: Monica Scroggie, Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Barbara Deane, Janet Patrick.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Evelyn Clare.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may exchange a sign of Peace.

Hymn (t.422)

Praise to God, who came among us, walked this earth in flesh and bone, bore the pain of our divisions, passed through death to bring us home. Born of God and born of Mary, born once more in bread and wine; here upon this altar cradled, praise and glory, Christ, be thine.

From these gifts of love, transforming these thy creatures: grape and grain; priest and midwife; spirit's fire; Christ is come to us again. So transform our hearts, Lord Jesus, make in them another throne built of courage, hope, and kinship, all our precious selves thine own.

May our song resound with gladness, rich in love and harmony, as we find ourselves one body, broken, but made whole in thee. Knit our souls within each other's, craft, by grace, a tapestry of our lives entwined, enfolded in thy Holy Trinity.

The Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you and also with you.

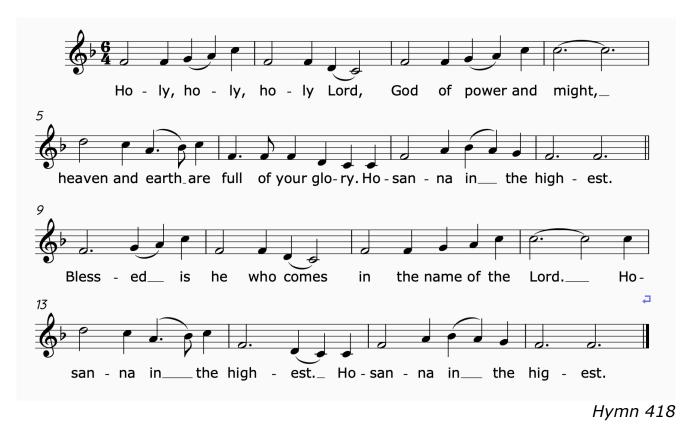
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with [*N* and] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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

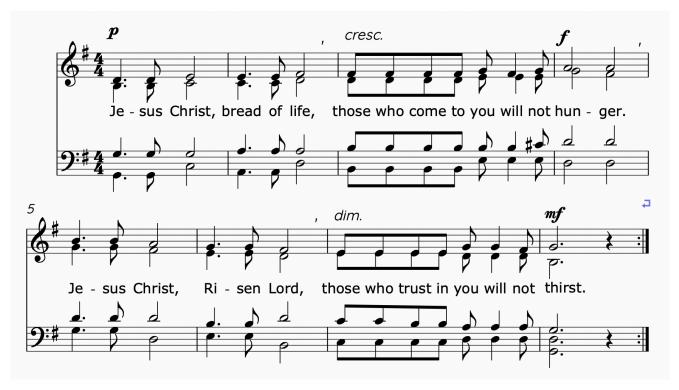
As our saviour taught us, so we pray.

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



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.

Music Group Take, O take me as I am (John Bell)

Hymn (t.524)

This is your body, for your people given, We break the bread, and voice the sacred song; Food of the angels, taste of highest heaven, crumbs dropped for all who fear we don't belong: We are your body, help us dare to share all that we have, and offer all we are.

This is your blood, the pain that makes us whole With love was pressed from this live-giving vine, The smallest sip can warm the coldest soul, And fill the human heart with fire divine: We are your body, help us yearn to share all that we have, and offer all we are.

We are your body, fed with heavenly food, Washed through the blood that flows with heavenly love, And then you send us, by that love renewed, to find that earth is full of heaven above. We are your body, in your grace we share all that we have, and offer all we are.

The Revd Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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

An Act of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Please stand

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we are called by God to be a royal priesthood, raising one another up and proclaiming the good news of God. So let us affirm our purpose in thanksgiving and commitment to God's call.

Let us give thanks for those who have fought for an equal place and voice among God's people. **God of grace, we thank you.**

Let us give thanks that we are all members of Christ's body, called through baptism into the life of God.

God of grace, we thank you.

Let us give thanks for those women whose acts of service sustain this community of faith.

God of grace, we thank you.

Let us give thanks for all women who serve the church as deacons, priests, and bishops, and all who serve in licensed ministry.

God of grace, we thank you.

Let us give thanks for the company of faithful women, for prophets and martyrs, warriors and poets, mothers and daughters, sisters and friends: for all who have taught us the good news of Christ. **God of grace, we thank you.**

Let us go forth as women and men of courage. By God's grace, let it be so. Let us celebrate the image of our creator in all its beautiful diversity. **By God's grace, let it be so.**

Let us be icons of Christ to one another. By God's grace, let it be so.

May almighty God empower us to live as the body of Christ on earth, grant us the courage to overcome fears and embody love, the grace to grow in self-awareness and integrity, and the strength to seek the unity that is in Christ, that we may rejoice with all God's children through God's son our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn (t.394)

We sing a love that sets all people free, that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame, enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear: come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good, that longs to serve and not to count the cost, a love that, yielding, finds itself made new: come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid to be itself, despite another's wrath, a love that stands alone and undismayed: come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest until it finds its way, its home, its source, through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed: come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love, who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness, brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ: come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

The Revd Professor June Boyce-Tillman MBE (b. 1943)

God the source of all blessing, grant us courage and hope for the future, and bind us together in love; 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

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

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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.

Notices: June 2nd

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 June 9th: The Second Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Celebrating thirty years of women priests We are delighted to welcome Revd Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH (Women and the Church), as our preacher at the 10am service.

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House. Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday June 16th: The Third Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School **Monica Scroggie** It is with great sadness that we learned that Monica died at home on Tuesday 4th June, with David her husband and son Richard by her side. Monica was well known because of her contribution to many of our services with her flute playing and as part of the music group. She will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

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

The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to thank Reeves Memorials for so generously undertaking the cleaning of the C S Lewis memorial.

Julian Group. The June meeting will be on Friday 7th June at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington. We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: Sheila Allcock 01865-769630

The annual parish day out at Alum Chine Bournemouth (Blue Flag beach) on 22nd June with seats at £20 will be taking place. Frances will fundraise to make up any costs. It's still not too late to book your seat so for more information about this All Age wonderful day please email <u>frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk</u>

Our **Christian Aid Week collection** this year came to a total of **£1,447.66**. Once Gift Aid is added, it will come to over £1.500, well up on last year. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed in so many ways. Elizabeth Knight.

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

Thank you for the three kind offers of accommodation I received to help someone to support their husband at the JR during treatment. These have been passed onto the church who is helping. Helen Day.

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 display's 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.

This week's Eco Tips: This weekend marks the start of week-long Churches Count on Nature, also Great Big Green Week, the UK's biggest celebration of climate change action. Why don't we each decide on a green action and next week discuss what we have done? It could be anything that would be meaningful for you, even deciding to pay attention to the reawakening of Nature, the sounds, sights, smells as observed from your balcony/ garden/ a park/ woodland/ on your way to work/ school/ the shops. *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:<u>https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/</u>. 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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