

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



A service of Dedication with
Confirmations and Eucharist

15th September 2024 10am

Welcome to Holy Trinity for this special service of Dedication, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. We will be blessing our church following the completion of our building work, celebrating with our confirmation candidates their choice to affirm their faith in God, and sharing together in the Eucharist.

It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that has taken place since the Bishop of Oxford last visited to bless the start of our building work on Sunday 3 September 2023. We are so grateful to contractors, volunteers, and the whole community for coming together to bring about this vision for our church.

In preparation for their confirmation, our eight candidates have met together with members of the clergy to pray and explore the Bible, spirituality, and our life together as the body of Christ. Please pray for them this morning and in the days to come as they begin this next stage of their journey with God:

Martha Jackson
Abby Lindley-McGowan
Katie Morris
Juliet Morris
Sophie Taylor te Vruchte
Melissa Taylor te Vruchte
Lewis Taylor te Vruchte
Sophie Tollman

When it comes to Communion, all are welcome at God's table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Please join us for refreshments after the service at the back of church.

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.*

Isaiah 43.1

Introit: Give thanks, worship and praise the Lord by Neil Squires,
arr. John L. Bell

Words of welcome.

Hymn 650

Please stand

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is thy faithfulness!...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness!...

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

Gathering Prayer

The bishop greets the people.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the re-ordering of Holy Trinity church, we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate it in God's Name.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, set apart for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us pray:

Everliving Father, watchful and caring,
our source and our end:

All that we are and all that we have is yours.

Accept us now, as we dedicate once more this place

to which we come to praise your Name,

to ask your forgiveness,

to know your healing power,

to hear your Word,

and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son.

Be present always to guide and to judge,

to illuminate and to bless your people.

A church warden continues

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

The vicar continues

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

The bishop concludes

Now, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
And you are exalted as head over all.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen x3

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen x3

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen x3

Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate
the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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

First Reading: Genesis 28:11-18

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The bishop asks the candidates:

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number

those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The bishop invites the candidates to renew their baptism vows.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ as Lord.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

The bishop says

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,
give you also strength to continue in the Way.
Amen.

Blessing of the Font

The ministers and candidates process to the baptismal font, families and friends of the candidates and any children are invited to follow, and we stand and turn in our seats to face them.

Tui amoris ignem

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

5
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system contains the first line of music with the lyrics 'Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.' The second system starts with a measure rest '5' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The bishop says

Father, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ. Grant through your Spirit that those baptized here may enjoy the liberty and splendour of the children of God.

There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

We dedicate this Font in the Name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop prays over the water:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit,
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Profession of Faith

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with these candidates
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

As we have professed our faith in God, let us be renewed by the water of baptism, that this place of prayer – including our new extension – and we, God's people who gather here, would be washed clean and made ready to receive the gifts of God.

The bishop sprinkles the candidates, the congregation, and the threshold of the new extension with the water of baptism. The candidates are invited to sign themselves with water from the font.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation
shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The bishop, ministers, and candidates gather at the place of confirmation.

Confirmation

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and prays:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name, and anoints them on the forehead with the oil of chrism.

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The bishop then lays his hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for the candidates:

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen.**

The Peace

The bishop introduces the Peace.

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

*The congregation greet the newly confirmed with a round of applause!
We exchange a sign of peace.*

Hymn

We gather at God's table
to worship Christ our Lord,
the one who calls and keeps us,
exalted and adored.
O hear the saints and angels:
we join with them in song,
whose voices carry sweetly
from the land where we belong.

Draw near, where earth and heaven
converge in bread and wine,
and, bold, our church bears witness
to Christ in space and time.
The stones themselves, they echo
with prayers of pilgrims past,
the tale of God's own people
of which we all are part.

So let our hearts be lifted,
with joy this house resound;
the choice of we, the chosen,
is given shape and sound
as, hands outstretched, our longing
is met with gift and grace:
the body of our saviour
incarnate in this place.

Be present, Holy Spirit,
pour out on us your love
that fires, enfolds, and frees us
to lift our eyes above.
Take these the gifts we offer -
our bodies, souls, and selves -
and with them build a temple
fit for our God to dwell.

Emily Hockliffe Essex

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 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 (St Bride setting)

Words: Liturgical traditional

Music: John L. Bell

brightly
 (cantor)

1&2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
 3 Bless - ed is the one who comes _____

(all)
 [glo - ry] Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Bless - ed is the

God of pow'r and might,
 in the name of the Lord!

ho - ly Lord, _____ God of pow'r and
 one who comes _____ in the name of the

hea - ven and earth are full, _____
 Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

might, Lord! hea - ven and
 Ho - san - na

are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

earth are full, _____ are full of your
in the high - est! _____ (v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the

(v.3 only) Ho - san - na in the high - est!

high - est! Ho - san - na in the

Ho - san - na in the high - est! In the high - est!

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.**

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

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

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. Those sitting towards the front will be invited to come forwards first. If you are sitting on the south side (to the right of the aisle when facing the altar), please let people out of your pew first and make your way back round via the north aisle and central aisle. If you are sitting on the north side (to the left of the aisle when facing the altar), please come straight out of your pew and come back via the north aisle.

There are two stations for the bread at the Chancel step: please use whichever is available, then return to your seat via the North Aisle. The chalice is being administered from the Lady Chapel step.

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 song: A House Where You Belong

A house where you belong
founded on spirit, built with song
where mind and body, sand and stone
come to their own -
this is a solid space,
a place in which we feel God's firm embrace

A house to which you come
a shelter better than your home,
for here the love of God is known
practised and shown
and all discouragement
is dented by God's promise and intent.

A house from which you run
and yet to which you can return
a place in which each one can share
deep joy and care
although the open door
is one we often may have passed before.

A house in which you find
things that were seldom on your mind,
things which you thought you'd never need:
on these you feed.
Here those who fondly greet
will hope to recognise you in the street.

A house in which each day
there is no limit to your stay.
Should you pour out your heart to God
his love is broad;
and where despair takes seed
God plants in that same soil the hope you need.

The church must be the home
to which all people freely come
should life be good, should it be bad
happy or sad,
this still must be the place
which welcomes all and offers God's embrace.

(Danish) Et Hus At Komme Till by Janne Mark tr. John L Bell

Hymn 725

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy. *O Master...*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. *O Master...*

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) from a prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service:
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Sending Out

Please stand.

The Commission

The candidates are invited to the front. The bishop addresses the whole congregation with the commission.

People of God, those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society? by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

*The candidates are each presented with a Bible and a holding cross.
During the last verse of the hymn, the bishop and ministers process
to the threshold of the new extension.*

Hymn 365

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome...

Marty Haughen (b. 1950)

Act of Blessing

How awesome is this place.
**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Genesis 28.17

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.

Bless this site of prayer and pilgrimage,
in which the faithful who have gone before us
have worshipped you in word and sacrament.

Bless this place of welcome and hospitality,
that it might further the work of your kingdom
in this and future generations.

Bless your disciples gathered here,
that they may be empowered by your Spirit
to build up this church of living stones
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
now and for ever. Amen.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please do join us for refreshments served from our new kitchen!

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 our church building fund.

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showing God's love to all.*

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