

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*Words of welcome.*

*During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.*

## **Hymn 644**

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth,  
all the world in one embrace:  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall..  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939)*

*The president says*

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**

*A minister says*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*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**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of 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**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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: Isaiah 61.10-end**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*



'Pilgrim's Alleluia': Hymn 377

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

#### **Gospel reading: Luke 1.46-55.**

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

**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:*

*Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,  
Benjie, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam, Madeline Tarrant,  
Veronika, Kenneth Sanders.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Baby Victoria, Astrid Brooke.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Doris Lockett, Kathleen Wootton.*

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please stand*

To crown all things there must be love  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
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 563**

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too;  
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too;  
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too;  
let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too;  
where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:  
walk one step before me, I will follow you.

*John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)*



## Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited 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.**

## 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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:



Hymn 418

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please sit or kneel*

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a crescendo (*cresc.*) leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger." The second system begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and includes a decrescendo (*dim.*) leading to a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst." Both systems conclude with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## 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.*

### Hymn 587

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.  
Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,

and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***The Sending Out***

*Please stand*

#### **Hymn 810**

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,

and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 join us for refreshments in the Coach House!  
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: September 8<sup>th</sup>**

*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 September 8th: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity/The Blessed Virgin Mary**

8am Holy Communion  
President: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott  
10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School  
President: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott  
Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex  
Preacher: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott  
Organist: Rosie Tweddle

### **Sunday September 1st: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesdays at 9am in the Coach house  
Tots Morning: Tuesday at 10am in the Coach house  
Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday September 15th: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion  
10am All-Age Parish Eucharist, Confirmation Service, and Celebration of Building Work. The Bishop of Oxford Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft will be preaching.

**Please pray** for our confirmation candidates: Martha, Abby, Katie, Juliet, Sophie, Melissa, Lewis, and Sophie, as they prepare to be confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday 15 September.

**Building project update:** We are so grateful that the work is set to be ready for our big Open Weekend on 14/15<sup>th</sup> September! A prayer for the end of the project:

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 thank you for guiding us through  
to the completion of the building project.  
Keep us united in vision and focus as we celebrate this milestone, and  
grant us your peace.  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone.  
Amen.

**Laura to leave Holy Trinity.** All who attend worship at Holy Trinity, and all who listen to broadcasts of our services whether at home or from hospital, will welcome the good news that the building work has very nearly been completed. We, therefore, feel great gratitude to our Vicar, the Revd. Laura Biron-Scott, whose faith, prayerfulness, perseverance, dedication and capacity to get along with other people, have guided us safely to so happy a conclusion.

However, one of Laura's predecessors at Holy Trinity used to say that the reward for good work is more work, and that proves to be true in Laura's case as well. Laura will, in fact, be leaving the Parish at the end of November to take on a role of ministry in an academic environment as Chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford. So our joy is tinged with sadness at her departure, but a sadness relieved by the thought that she will remain close by and we still might hope to see her from time to time.

We ask for God's blessing upon Laura and we pray for her ministry in her new calling.

**The Parish Office** Will be closed from 12 noon on 12<sup>th</sup> September and will reopen on 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am.

**Tots Mornings** open to all babies, toddlers, and preschoolers on Tuesdays in term time in the Coach House on **Tuesdays**. Stay & Play will be 10-11am and Story & prayers 11am – 11.15am. No need to book just come along. All are welcome.



**Requests for help** for Open Weekend **14/15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** We are looking for the following help for our open weekend to make it a success and to celebrate all we have been working towards over the past months. If you feel you are able to contribute in any way, a board will be at the back of the church for names 1. **Welcomers** for the visitors and **tea servers** for our new kitchen. 2. **Cakes** – if you feel you could contribute a cake to use over the weekend for teas that would be really helpful. If you feel you can help with any of these roles it really would be much appreciated.  
Margaret Taylor and Linda Davies (Church Wardens)

**Holy Trinity Open Weekend:** All are welcome! **Do take posters/fliers to put up!**

Saturday 14 September

11am – 4pm Open Doors: displays & refreshments in church  
Narnia trail for children & families  
7pm Evening Concert, showcasing Holy Trinity musicians  
(£10 entry, including wine and nibbles at interval)

Sunday 15 September

10am Parish Eucharist with Confirmations and Blessing of the church building by the Bishop of Oxford  
2pm – 4pm Open Doors: displays & refreshments in church

**Church volunteers** a big thank you to everyone who came and sorted out the Jackson room prior to moving all church property back into church after the formal handover from Kingierlee. More help will be needed in the coming weeks with a variety of tasks so please respond if you can with an hour or more of your time if you're able to do this.

**Autumn Fete 12th October** After the celebrations for our wonderful new extension, we will be looking forward to the Autumn Fete. It is going to be really important to try to raise as much money as we can to help with finalising the extension. We would ask you to donate only items which can be sold, so nothing half-used, in poor condition or out of date. We would be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Other donations of wine for the Water to Wine, an item for the Tombola or a £2 donation to buy a prize, would be welcomed. Last year's Gift Aid claim raised £225 so we would urge you to complete a Gift Aid form with your donations. It makes a real difference. Do come along with family, friends and neighbours to enjoy this happy fundraising event.

Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

**Flower Fund** I really appreciate the floral arrangements week by week at Holy Trinity, Margaret Woodcock and her team do a great job. I like to dedicate the flowers in memory of someone special or to celebrate a special occasion. Fresh cut flowers are quite expensive and the flower fund is getting low. Could you make a contribution to top up the fund ? I know the Flower arranging Team would really appreciate it Many thanks in advance Margaret Jackson.

**A 'Quarry' homegroup** meets once a month usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the home of a group member. We chat over a cuppa, study the bible and prayer together. We welcome new members, if you would like to find out more please speak to a member of the clergy, or myself, Janet Masters.'

**Intercessions training:** We are seeking to add to our rota of wonderful volunteers who read and lead prayers on a Sunday morning. If you have ever wondered about learning to write intercessions, please join us **10.30am-12noon on Saturday 28 September**. Existing volunteers are also encouraged to join to share tips and experiences. Contact Emily for more information (curate@hthq.uk).

**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:** Make your freezer work for you. Now is a good time for freezing fruit and vegetables, but any time is good for batch cooking and freezing part of the batch, or for freezing leftovers for a rainy day. Grated cheese freezes well, and saves time when you need cheese for a topping; leftover wine, frozen in ice cube trays is ideal for cooking. Whatever its size, your freezer may seem too small, but careful stowing of the various boxes and bags of goodies usually releases additional space.  
*Hilary Rollin, Eco Group*

### **Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant Tour**

Curious about what happens to your rubbish after collection? Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant in Ardley offers free tours, giving you a firsthand look at how waste is transformed into energy for around 60,000 homes, diverting waste from landfill.

Visit [www.viridor.co.uk](http://www.viridor.co.uk) to book in a tour and see how rubbish is turned into a valuable resource.

## **Eco Resources Summer 2024**

If you are looking for information on ECO matters, you might like to follow the link below for ideas on book titles, links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), talks etc. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group

Go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

**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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