

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



Racial Justice Sunday  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## ***The Gathering***

Music Group Introit: Wa wa wa Emimimo; Nigeria.  
Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

Words traditional  
Music as taught by Samuel Solanke

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn**

*Please stand*

We have a dream: this nation will arise,  
and truly live according to its creed,  
that all are equal in their makers eyes,  
and none shall suffer through another's greed

We have a dream that one day we shall see  
a world of justice, truth and equity,  
where sons of slaves and daughters of the free  
will share the banquet of community.

We have a dream of deserts brought to flow'r,  
once made infertile by oppression's heat,  
when love and truth shall end oppressive pow'r,  
and streams of righteousness and justice meet.

We have a dream; our children shall be free  
from judgements based on colour or on race;  
free to become whatever they may be,  
of their own choosing in the light of grace.

We have a dream that truth will overcome  
the fear and anger of our present day;  
that black and white will share a common home,  
and hand in hand will walk the pilgrim way.

We have a dream; each valley will be raised,  
and ev'ry mountain, ev'ry hill brought down;  
then shall creation echo perfect praise,  
and share God's glory under freedom's crown!

*Adapted by Michael Forster from a speech by Martin Luther King Jr*

## The Greeting

*The president says*

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

**Amen.**

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds  
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour, power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Threefold One, Holy Community of Love,  
We give You thanks and praise  
for all that You have done for us.  
For the joy of family and friends,  
and the refreshing we find in the company of others.  
For the beauty and nourishment  
that revives us in our interaction with creation.  
For the inspiration and challenge  
brought to us by the arts and culture.  
For the continuing service  
of those who have a vision for a better future.  
For the beauty and diversity that enrich us  
when we open ourselves to the gift of difference.  
God, we raise our voices in thanks to You.

**How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity.**

**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**  
**Alleluia Amen**  
**Alleluia Amen**

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**  
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**Alleluia Amen**

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  
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Merciful God,  
you are righteous and love justice:  
stir the hearts of your people that,  
rejoicing in our diversity,  
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,  
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:3-4**

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

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

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-4, 12-21, 43-47**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*

Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Raise the Gos-pel o-ver the earth!

5  
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Peace and jus-tice bring-ing to birth!

*Hymn 556*

*The Gospel is announced.*

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

## Gospel reading: John 13:34-35

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

## Sermon

Prof Anthony Reddie,  
Professor of Black Theology, Regent's Park College, Oxford

### Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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,  
Benjie, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam, Madeline Tarrant,  
Maureen, Helen Day, Kenneth Sanders, Owen Tollman, Elizabeth,  
Hunter Merritt, Tony Buttolph.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Chris Hood, Mary Burr.*

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

*Jonathan Mills, Christopher Luckett, Joan Hancock, Ronald Lygo,  
Ivor Beesley, Geoffrey Foster, Helen Foster.*

*And at the end*

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

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister says*

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love  
kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?  
Yet we have failed in ways we did not care to know.

*cf Micah 6.8*

Let us come before the God who restores the broken  
and confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
**forgive us our sin.**



We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:

**forgive us our sin.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 569i**

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,

believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

*Bryn Rees (1911-1983)*

### **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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for you made us in your image  
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets  
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.  
Let the day come quickly  
when the walls that separate us are broken down,  
and when suffering and oppression,  
racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,  
 until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

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

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

earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ are full of your  
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(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!

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

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.**

*slowly*  
(cantor)

1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the  
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the

(all)

[on us.] peace. 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the  
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the

world, have\_\_\_ mer - cy on us.  
world, grant\_\_\_ us your peace.

sin of the world, have\_\_\_ mer - cy  
sin of the world, grant\_\_\_ us your

(v.3 only)  
Grant\_ us your peace. Grant\_ us your peace.

(v.3 only)  
peace. Grant\_ us your peace. Grant\_ us your peace.

## 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 stewards. We will form two lines to receive communion – the bread is distributed from the chancel step, and the wine is distributed from the Lady Chapel step. Please return to your pew via the north aisle. Stewards will be on hand to direct you.*

*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:** Heaven on Earth.

Tune by Alexander Sinclair  
Words and arrangement by John L. Bell and Graham Maule

### Hymn 557

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.

Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
until your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
give us compassion, we pray:  
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Blessed God,  
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,  
to hunger and thirst for what is right;  
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,  
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;  
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,  
to strive for the cause of right  
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## ***The Sending Out***

### **An Act of Commitment to Racial Justice**

*Please stand*

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. We are all called to the work and ministry of racial justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you from loving all God's children?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, and value those with whom you disagree?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break the bonds of silence?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?  
**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?  
**With the help of God, I will.**



May almighty God empower us  
to continue his work of reconciliation,  
give us the courage to overcome fears and embody love,  
give us grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity,  
and strengthen us to seek the unity that is in Christ,  
that we may rejoice with all God's children  
as disciples of God's Son.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn 483**

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos  
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

*Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos*

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

*We are marching. We are marching, oh,  
We are marching in the light of God*

We are living in the love of God  
We are living in the love of God

*We are living. We are living, oh,  
We are living in the love of God*

We are moving in the power of God  
We are moving in the power of God

*We are moving. We are moving, oh,  
We are moving in the power of God*

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos  
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

*Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos*

*Xhosa (South African) traditional hymn  
arr. Andres Nygren (b.1955)*

## The Blessing

God who goes before us,  
send us out to do your work of loving others  
as we ourselves hope to be loved.

God who is behind us,  
protect us and watch over us  
as we continue to work for justice and peace.

God who is above us,  
may your will be done on this earth  
and in all the places we find ourselves.

God who is below us,  
steady our feet as we walk towards justice for all.

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 do join us for refreshments at the back of church or in the warmer meeting room after the Service. 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](http://www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church) for more information*

## Notices: Racial Justice Sunday

### **Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: Racial Justice Sunday**

8am Holy Communion

President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Preacher: Prof Anthony Reddie  
Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex  
Organist: Andrew Patterson

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: The Third Sunday before Lent**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

### **A prayer for the vacancy:**

God of vision and hope,  
we thank you for all who have ministered here  
throughout the history of this church.  
In this time of vacancy,  
may we continue to grow in love,  
share in responsibility,  
and seek your vision for our future,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our shepherd and our guide.  
Amen.

**The Parish Office is closed** until further notice while Helen is on sick leave.

All notices must be emailed to Emily by **9am on Tuesday mornings** otherwise they will not be included in the service booklet. In Helen's absence volunteers will check the office email account, pay bills, print off booklets and materials and support Emily and Rob in the administration of the church. We are very grateful to all those who are helping at this time and ask the congregation to support them in any way they can.

**Our Community Café** is now up and running: **9.30am-11.30am on Tuesday mornings**. All are welcome, and most especially families with young children, as the meeting room will be set up for tots to play.

**Julian Group.** The February meeting will be on **Friday 7th February at 2.30 pm at 6 Quarry Hollow, Headington. Please note the change of venue.** 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**

## **HTHQ 175 Talking History**

The HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year:

- Tuesday 4 March** History of the Quarry Maurice East
- Wednesday 9 April** Racial Justice Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex
- Wednesday 7 May** Morris Dancing (speaker TBC)
- Wednesday 4 June** Our changing church Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

All talks are in church. The evening begins with refreshments at 6.45pm, the talk beginning at 7pm, and discussions close at 7.45pm. All are welcome.

**This week's Eco Tips:** More about encouraging garden birds: try making a swinging bird feeder from a coconut. Drill holes at opposite ends, drain the coconut milk (sieving it) and saving it for smoothies or cookies. Cut the coconut in half. Taking one half, drill holes in opposite edges from which to hang strings. Heat equal quantities of lard and bird seed. Once the mixture is semi-set, scoop it into the coconut, and hang your bird feeder in a place where birds will not be disturbed. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group*

**Eco Resources for Spring 2025:** For suggestions on information re Eco Matters, including reading material, links to Zoom sessions etc. 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 Janet Masters, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.

### **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

*An open door between heaven and earth,  
showing God's love to all.*

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