

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23rd February 2025

The Gathering

Words of welcome

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place in the meeting room.

Hymn 691

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on psalm 72

Please stand

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

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated

on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

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, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

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

Sermon

Revd Canon David Knight

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, Pam, Madeline Tarrant, Helen Day, Kenneth Sanders, Owen Tollman, Hunter Merritt, Maureen, Elizabeth, Christine.

Those who have died recently:

Mollie Wilson, Tony Buttolph, Enid Owens, Jane Phipps.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Valerie Baker, Pamela Weston, Tony Green, Craig Douglas, Myrtle Field, Felicity Edwards, Charles Kimber, Elizabeth Whitwick, Marian Douglas.

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 baptized 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 665

I am the Light whose brightness shines
on every pilgrim's way,
and brings to evil's darkest place
the glorious light of day.

I am the Gate that leads to life
along the narrow way,
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep
that none are lost or stray.

I am the Well from whose fresh springs
life-giving water flows,
and on each side the tree of life
with leaves for healing grows.

I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,
sent down to satisfy
that hunger which cries out for food;
who eats shall never die.

I am the Vine whose branches grow
united in one root;
who dwell in me, and I in them,
shall live and bear much fruit.

I am the Resurrection life,
the power of God whereby
whoever truly trusts in me
shall live and never die.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
and truth shall set you free
to seek and find the way to life
and live that life in me.

Robert Willis (1947-2024)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

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.

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:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Tune: 'Nicaea'

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. *(Bells are rung)*

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.
(Bells are rung)

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

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a-way the sin, the sin of the world. —
takes a - way the sin of the world.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breaking of the Bread'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'slowly' is written above the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of lyrics is: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He' on the treble staff and 'Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He' on the bass staff. The second system of lyrics is: 'takes a-way the sin, the sin of the world. —' on the treble staff and 'takes a - way the sin of the world.' on the bass staff.

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.

Hymn 455

My God, and is thy table spread,
and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
that sacred stream, that heavenly food.

Why are its bounties all in vain
before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's bread?

O let thy table honoured be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Hymn 690

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom, thus setting us free: *Jesus is Lord!...*

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord: *Jesus is Lord!...*

David John Mansell (b.1936)

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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.

Voluntary: Gavotte from the Shepherd's Lottery
William Boyce (1710-1779)

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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 for more information

Notices: Third Sunday before Lent

Sunday Feb 23rd: Second Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion

President: Revd Jane Hedges

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Revd Canon David Knight

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

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

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday Mar 22nd: Sunday next 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.

HTHQ 175 Talking History

The HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175th 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.

Lent Course: This year's Lent course will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7-8pm with refreshments served from 6.45pm. This will be an opportunity

to explore the landscape of prayer and how we can deepen our relationship with God through different forms of prayer. Experts and novices alike are welcome. For more information contact Emily (curate@hthq.uk)

Electoral Roll: Request for Email Addresses Our electoral roll is a list of our regular members, informing the Church of England about who we are, and signifying a right to vote on matters at the APCM. According to Church of England rules, every six years the roll must be discarded and a completely new one made, and this is due to happen this year before the APCM. We will be contacting all our electoral roll members to let them know when it's time to sign up again, but to facilitate this it would be helpful to have email contacts where possible. Please consider sending your email address to our electoral roll officer, Joan Jones (joan@joneses.org.uk) with your permission to add this information to the electoral roll records.

Advance notice of a Regular Giving Appeal as part of our parish fundraising. A group led by our Treasurer, Richard Stoneman, has been meeting in recent months to look in detail at our church finances and at what we need to meet our obligations and to strengthen what we do as a church. With input from the Diocese we have decided to hold a **Regular Giving Appeal**. Around the start of Lent (on Sundays 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March) there will be a focus on giving and faith and developing a vision for our ministry and work. On 9th March we will be visited by the Generous Giving Advisor for the Diocese, Joshua Townson, who will talk at the 10am service.

To start giving through the Parish Giving Scheme:
(i) access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/headington-quarry-holy-trinity-oxford/>



(ii) call the Scheme on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, and they will take all of the information needed to complete a new Direct Debit instruction for you.

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.

This week's Eco Tips: Last tip about bird life! In the interests of biodiversity, get ready to sow seeds for bird- (and insect-) friendly flowering plants.

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.



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Flower Arranging

**Our wonderful team of
flower arrangers beautify our
church for worship**

They would be delighted to welcome
new members to join the team,
whether experienced or keen to learn.

Their precious work is only possible
through donations to the Flower Fund.
Please consider donating, perhaps in
memory of a loved one or to celebrate
a special event.

**For more information,
contact office@hthq.uk**





COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Tuesdays

9:30am - 11:30am

at

Holy Trinity Church, Headington,
Quarry

Everyone Welcome for tea, coffee, biscuits and cake

An intergenerational space for parents/carers to spend time with their younger ones, meet up with people of all ages and enjoy a tea or coffee at the side.

Toys for pre-school age children and toddlers available in the meeting room.



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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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