

Holy Trinity  
Headington Quarry



*The Sunday next before Lent*

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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 765**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him!

*Lobe den Herren  
Joachim Neander (1650-1680)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

*Please stand*

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

**Amen.**

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having enough of everything,  
we may share abundantly in every good work.

*cf. 2 Corinthians 9.8*

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord

**that they may be used for his glory.**

May the Spirit of God fill our hearts

**as we come to meet him in this place.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister says*

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

*Silence is kept.*

Creative God, you have gifted us with your creation,  
yet we take your good gifts for granted;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Gracious God, you bless us each day,  
yet we forget to be thankful;  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Generous God, you offer new life through your Son,  
yet we turn away from you;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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

### **New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it

set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

## Gospel Reading

*Please stand. We repeat the refrain.*



*The Gospel is announced.*

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

### **Gospel reading: Luke 9.28-43a**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the

cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

**Sermon**

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

**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, 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:*

*Joyce Wright, Sally Clare, Margaret Baker.*

*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 721

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**



Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*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.

## **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. Stewards will be on hand to direct you.*

*Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice; there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine 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 592

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. *You alone...*

You're my Friend and you are my Brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything. *You alone...*

*Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask 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***

### **Hymn 748**

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)*

## 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:** Rondeau from Abdelazar - Henry Purcell

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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: Sunday next before Lent

### **Sunday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday next before Lent**

8am Holy Communion

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10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

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Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

### **Midweek Services**

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

**Ash Wednesday:** 10am & 7pm Holy Communion with ashing

### **Sunday Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: First Sunday of 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 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

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

**Lent Course:** Wednesdays in church 7-8pm with refreshments served from 6.45pm. Come along to explore together the landscape of prayer and reflect on how we can deepen our relationship with God.

On Friday 7th March at 12 pm Oxford local Meeting is hosting this year's **World Day of Prayer service** at Oxford Quaker Meeting House, 43 St Giles, OX1 3 LW. The World Day of Prayer is a women-led, world-wide ecumenical service, which this year has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. It is a thoughtful and uplifting service. All are welcome.

**OxClean 2025:** Friends of Quarry is organising its usual litter pick **2-4pm on Saturday 8 March** meeting in Quarry Hollow Park.

**Electoral Roll: Request for Email Addresses** According to Church of England rules, every six years the electoral roll must be discarded and a completely new one made, this is due to happen this year. 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. Please consider sending your email address to our electoral roll officer, Joan Jones ([joan@joneses.org.uk](mailto:joan@joneses.org.uk)) with your permission to add this information to the electoral roll records.

**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:** Ever felt flummoxed as to where to take an item to be recycled, repaired, reused or disposed of? The Waste Wizard is there to help us. Go to: <https://rb.gy/spv3pg> *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 Helen Day, Janet Masters, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.

### **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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