



# Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

*MY LORD and MY GOD*



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The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Words of welcome*

## **Hymn 219**

This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver:

*George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)*

*The president says*

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Greeting**

## Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 his kingdom,  
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,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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***

*Please sit*

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 5.27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

### **Gospel Reading**

*We repeat the refrain:*

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

### **Gospel reading: John 20:19-end**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then

the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. [aq](#)

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 the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

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, Pam, Madeline Tarrant, Hunter Merritt, Maureen, Elizabeth,  
Christine, Janet Lever, Len Farrar, Barbara Farrar.*

*Those who have died recently:  
Owen Tollman, Kenneth Sanders.*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:  
John Sheringham, Evelyn Heaysman, Richard Beresford.*

*And at the end*

**Merciful father  
accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Hymn 209

*Please stand*

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

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

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we  
may bring light to your world. **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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.**

## Agnus Dei

*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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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!*

*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 236**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
for all eternity.

*Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**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 220**

*Please stand*

Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;  
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;  
speak now in us that we might hear your call;  
Living word of Jesus, sound within us all.

Love that formed and named us, filled this clay with breath;  
Love that seeks and claims us, Love beyond all death;  
come now and fire the life that flows from you;  
Love that raised up Jesus, raise us up anew.

Song of joy and wonder, sound so wild and free;  
voice of wind and thunder, boundless as the sea;  
Music of God, the love that casts out fear;  
Song that sang in Jesus, sing within us here.

God of all creation, form our hearts anew;  
God of all salvation, lead us home to you;  
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;  
living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

*Marty Haughen (b. 1950)*

## The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
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

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*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*

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### **Notices: The Second Sunday after Easter**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> April: The Second Sunday after Easter**

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher Revd Canon David Knight

Organist Andrew Patterson

#### **4<sup>th</sup> May: The Third Sunday after Easter**

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Prof Robert Gilbert

10am Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Prof Robert Gilbert

Preacher: The Venerable Jonathan Chaffey

Organist Andrew Patterson

## **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel.  
10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

### **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.

**Spring Family Social** Friends of Quarry invite you to join them at the Mason's Arms function room **this afternoon 3-6pm**. Come and share a spring afternoon with neighbours, children, and friends: fish & chip van, kids activities, and folk music! All are welcome.

**Community Café every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am** in the meeting room in church. An intergenerational space for parents/carers to spend time with their younger ones, meet up with people of all ages over a cup of tea/coffee etc Toys available for preschool age children and toddlers.

**APCM** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 14 May at 7.30pm in church**. This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. This year, there are five vacancies for elected PCC representatives (nomination forms are available on the diocesan website or by emailing [holytrinityhqpcc@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityhqpcc@gmail.com)). Everyone is welcome to attend so please put this date in your diary.

**Julian Group.** The next meeting will be on **Friday 2nd May at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington**. 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**

**Sunday 18th May** is David's 80th birthday and to celebrate we would like to invite you all to stay for a finger food buffet lunch after the 10am Eucharist that day. Elizabeth's twelve weeks of treatment ends then too, so we are also inviting you to lunch as a thank you for all your prayers and support. David & Elizabeth Knight.

**Notices for the church booklet** Please email Helen [office@hthq.uk](mailto:office@hthq.uk) no later than 9am Tuesday morning. Thank you.

**Co-Wheels car returns to its slot in the Coach House car park.** For instructions on joining the club see the QR code on the colourful new sign. NB: It is really important that car club members find the Co-Wheels bay empty so that they can return the car and be on their way, knowing that the next member who has booked the car can find it ready and waiting. Hilary Rollin for Eco Group

**Christian Aid Spring Tea Saturday 10 May 3-5pm** at The Coach House Please donate **Toys** in good condition, **Books, Plants** or **Craft items** to help us raise funds for Christian Aid's work in Guatemala. These can be brought to the Coach House between 6 and 8 pm on Friday 9 May or contact Diane Mason ([dem2010@live.co.uk](mailto:dem2010@live.co.uk)) Please also make lots of Cakes, Muffins , Brownies, Biscuits, etc which can be brought to the Coach House from 2.30pm on Saturday 10 May. Then, come with your friends and enjoy the event!

There will also be a **Hunger lunch on Tuesday 13 May 12-2** in the Church Meeting Room after the community cafe.

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

**Wednesday 7 May** Morris Dancing                      Michael Heaney

**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.

**Lye Valley children's event** The committee of Headington Churches Together are planning to hold an event for children and their carers on the morning of **Saturday 14th June** at Bullingdon Community Centre, and all will be welcome. Right now we are looking for helpers. There will be a number of craft and activity tables (materials and instructions provided!), refreshments, and a guided walk along the valley. If you would like to be involved, either with helping on an activity table or with hospitality, please let me know. Thanks. Joan Jones [joan@joneses.org.uk](mailto:joan@joneses.org.uk) 07710611250

**Summer Fete 12 July 2025** We are planning for the Summer Fete this year. This will be the final time that the current committee will be organising the Summer Fete. We hope to have an extremely successful event for our last year. We will be happy to receive good quality books,



toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Nearer the time other donations of wine for the Water to Wine, an item for the Tombola or a £2 donation to buy a prize, will be welcomed. We urge you to complete a Gift Aid form with your donations. It makes a real difference Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Janet Foot (762450), Linda & Howard (765003)

**Wood Farm Community Projects** a number of projects are beginning in the Wood Farm area of our parish, including monthly litter picks, planting bulbs around the estate, and organising a community fete to take place in August. If you might be interested in helping out or want to find out more, speak to Emily.

**This week's Eco Tip: This week's Eco Tip:** As Spring advances, could this be the time to resolve to move to more environmentally-friendly transport? Why not walk, cycle, or run to work, school or the shops? Might you begin to question whether you really need a car and the hassle of finding a parking space, and all the expense a car involves? Or could you run only one car instead of two? Co Wheels Car Club could be the solution. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church 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.



**Regular Giving at HTHQ** If you currently give regularly via a Standing Order or another way, please consider cancelling that and switching to the Parish Giving Scheme. To start giving through the Scheme:

(i) access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit <https://www.parishgiving.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.



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### Get involved in worship...



#### READING & PRAYING

The first reading and the prayers of intercession are always led by a member of the congregation.

#### SERVING

Our serving team help to prepare the altar, carry the cross, and support the clergy in leading services.

#### BELLRINGING

Our bells connect us to the community and are an audible witness to our worship.

#### SOUND SYSTEM TEAM

Volunteers enable us to broadcast our services on Radio Cherwell as well as making people heard in church.



**For more information, contact [office@hthq.uk](mailto:office@hthq.uk)**



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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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