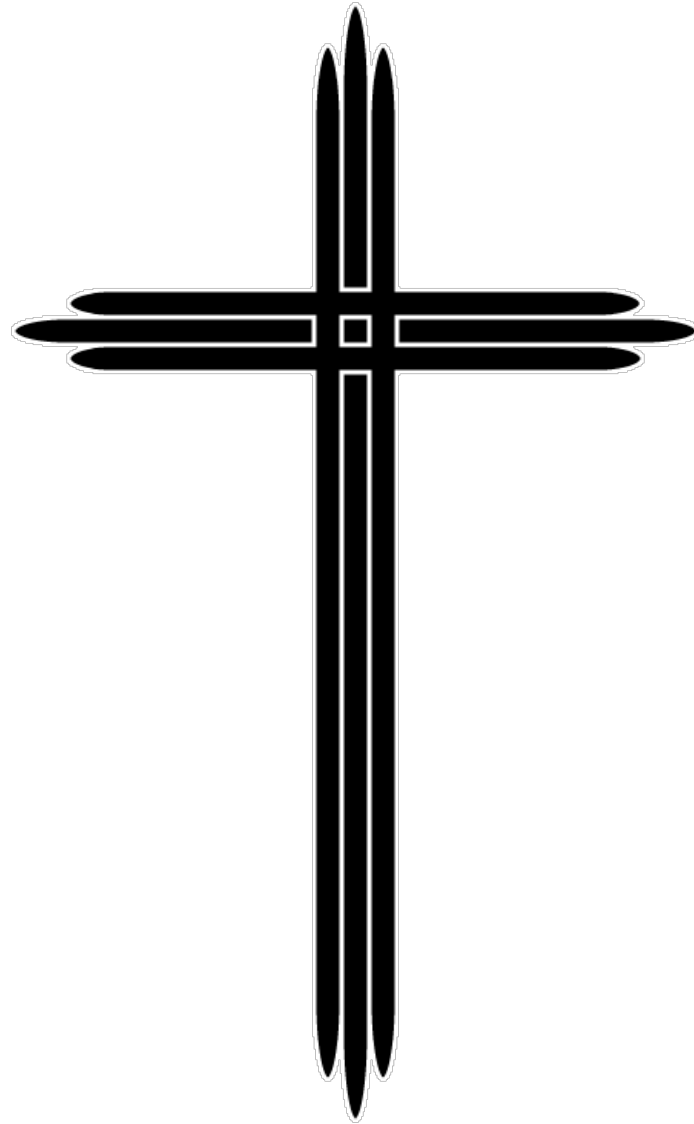


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2025

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Setting: Colin Smith, *Shalom Setting*

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA: YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:

- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

SERVICES THIS WEEK (all at 9.30am)

Monday, Tuesday – Morning Prayer

Wednesday – Eucharist

Thursday – Morning Prayer

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**O bless the Lord, my soul,
his saving grace proclaim,
and all that is within me join
to bless his holy name.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,
his mercies bear in mind,
forget not all his benefits:
the Lord to me is kind.**

**He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise,
and ready to abate.**

**He pardons all my sins,
prolongs my feeble breath,
he heals all my infirmities,
and ransoms me from death.**

**He clothes me with his love,
upholds me with his truth,
and like the eagle he renews
the vigour of my youth.**

**Then bless his holy name
whose grace has made me whole,
whose loving kindness crowns my days;
O bless the Lord, my soul.**

Anon., in Thomas Cotterill's *Selection* 1819
attrib. James Montgomery 1771–1854 *alt.*
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Tune: Venice. TIS 64

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the service

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains three phrases: 'Lord, have mer - cy' (Cantor or group), 'Lord have mer - cy' (All), and 'Christ, have mer - cy' (Cantor or group). The second staff contains three phrases: 'Christ, have mer - cy' (All), 'Lord have me - cy' (Cantor or group), and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' (All). The score uses a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day and the Lenten prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book of Joshua

5.9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Response:



Lord, for - give the wrong I have done.

Happy the one whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

Response

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **Response**

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress. You surround me with cries of deliverance. **Response**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **Response**

Gelineau p.86

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5.16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated

Gospel Acclamation:

Owen Alstott



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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

With all your heart turn to me,

For I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”’

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All kneel or sit

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer

...hear our prayer

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what
we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand

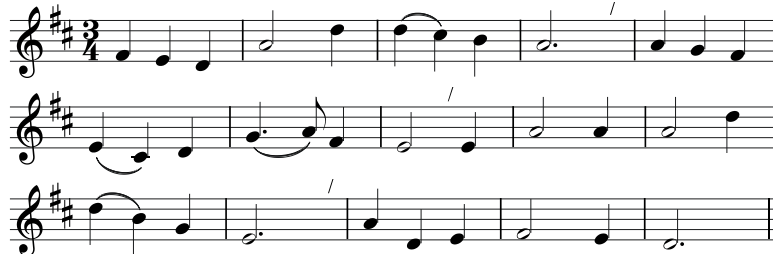
We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The altar is prepared and a collection is taken as all sing:



**Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind —
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yes, all I need, in you to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am — your love unknown
has broken every barrier down —
now to be yours, and yours alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Charlotte Elliott 1789–1871 *alt.*
Tune: *Saffron Walden. TIS 584 (i)*

The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of ___ pow'r and might

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Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... for ever and ever:
Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.



Cantor (or group) *All*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

5 *Cantor (or group)* *All*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

10 *Cantor (or group)* *All*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world grant us peace, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.

During communion, the cantor will sing

After communion all stand

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.**

**We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.**

**Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.**

Announcements are made

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

All are welcome for Morning Tea in the Community Centre following the service.

ROSTER FOR MARCH/APRIL

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
30 th March	Fr Ken	Bob	Geoffrey	Charles	Bob
6 th April	Geoffrey	Will C	Fr Ken	Valerie	Charles
13 th April Palm Sunday	Sandra Passion: Frs Ken/Glenn & Valerie	Lindy	Fr Craig	Elisabeth	Gary
17 th April Maundy Thurs 7pm	Fr Ken	Fr Glenn	Geoffrey	Geoffrey (set text)	Valerie
18 th April Good Fri 12 noon	Duncan	Lindy	n/a	n/a	Geoffrey
20 th April Easter Sunday 6am	Geoffrey Bob Fr Glenn Valerie Duncan	N/A	Fr Craig	Valerie	Charles
20 th April Easter Sunday 9.30am	Helen	Sandra	Fr Ken	Elisabeth	Elisabeth Gary

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS

A reminder that through Lent the Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 9.30am instead of Morning Prayer.

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Sundays at 11.00am

The Anglican Prayer Book Tradition

March 30, April 6

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

Fridays at 10am

Dr Luke's Casebook: Journey to Jerusalem

4, 11 April

Leader: Fr Ken Letts

WORKING BEE

On Holy Saturday (19 April) there will be a short service of Morning Prayer at 9.30am, followed by a Working Bee to prepare the church for the Easter Services. Please consider whether you can assist. Many hands make light work!

FLOWERS

Following Lent with no flowers, a joy of Easter is to fill the Church with beautiful flowers and to also have lovely flowers for the special Festivals that follow Easter. Flowers do, however, cost money thus donations would be very much appreciated. Perhaps you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion; if so, please tell Elisabeth so this can be recorded. On average they cost about \$25 per week; a wee bit more for Easter Sunday. Greenery comes from the garden. Some weeks flowers are supplemented with a few from Fr. Ken's or Valerie's gardens, for which I thank them, or my garden. Elisabeth would be pleased to accept your donations. Many thanks to those who have given donations for flowers so far this year.

EASTER EGGS

On Easter Day, festive chocolate eggs are distributed after the services. If you are able to offer some Easter Eggs for this purpose, please speak to Valerie.

HEATING UPDATE

Heritage Victoria has approved the proposed new electronic heating system, subject to “construction-ready” drawings being submitted, which will happen this week. We now anticipate the new system being installed during early May, hopefully before any chilly weather! The old gas radiators will also be removed as part of this project, significantly improving the visual appearance of the nave.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For the maintenance and expansion of the ceasefires between Israel, Hamas and Hezbollah, praying for the people of Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia.

For the Church:

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo (Bp Georges Titre Ande). We pray for Mission Agencies in the Anglican Church of Australia, and this diocese for Bp Genieve, Diocesan Administrator, for the members of the Board of Nominators as they prepare for the election synod, and for the Parish of St George’s, Ivanhoe East.

For the Community:

For the economically deprived and the homeless.
For the anxious, the isolated, and those overcome by fear.
For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre staff and volunteers.

For the Sick: Gaye, Josie, Judy, Hugh, Lee, Robyne & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-term needs for prayer: Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Charles, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Fran, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently, and those whose Year’s Mind occurs this week: Bill Grace, Audrey Mavis Laird

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them.

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