

*The Anglican Parish of St Kilda,
Christ Church*



Christ, the wisdom and the power of God....

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12th, 2023

Parish Eucharist

9 a.m

The Entrance Rite

In the Name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Come, let us worship the Lord.
Let us bow down in the presence of our Maker,
for he is the Lord our God.*

The Penitential Rite

In order to celebrate these Holy Mysteries well,
let us call to mind our sins:

Lord Jesus, Wisdom of the Father, you direct us in our earthly pilgrimage :
(Cantor) Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, Fulfiller of the Law, you re-create us in your own image:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Power of the Eternal, you call us to coherent living:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us + our sins,
& bring us to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gloria in Excelsis

(all sing)

Glory to God in the highest

(all say together)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his People on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
*Glory to God in the highest***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God in the highest

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory + of God the Father. Amen.**

The Appointed Prayer / Collect

Let us bow our heads for prayer.

God our Father,
you have promised to remain for ever
with those who do what is just and right.
Help us to live in your presence.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

First Reading

(all sit)

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
 They are happy whose life is blameless,
 who follow God's law!
 They are happy who do his will,
 seeking him with all their hearts.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
 You have laid down your precepts
 to be obeyed with care.
 May my footsteps be firm
 to obey your statutes.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
 Bless your servant and I shall live
 and obey your word.
 Open my eyes that I may see
 the wonders of your law.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!
 Teach me the demands of your statutes
 and I will keep them to the end.
 Train me to observe your law,
 to keep it with my heart.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Church in Corinth

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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Gradual Hymn

To do your will is my desire,
 to live in you, Lord, is my life.
 To spread your love through all the earth,
 to find in you the joy of life.

All of my days, I sing your praise,
 through all my nights, you are my life.
 You will shine forth, through all my years,
 and joyously will bring me home.

And so my God, I give to you,
 these straining words, these restless rhymes,
 so take my life as a tribute to
 your endless love for all Mankind.

based on a Scottish Ballad; English Folk Melody (O Waly Waly) NEH

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory + to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.

'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill, he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Matthew 5:17-18, 20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37

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

Homily

Nicene Creed

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

Prayer of the Faithful *(all sit or kneel)*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Greeting of peace *(All stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain;
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

7th c. Latin Text; Henry Purcell (Westminster Abbey) NEH

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 our thanks and praise.

[The celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer]



Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious Name,
forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he + who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

[the Eucharistic Prayer continues]

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

[the Eucharistic Prayer continues]

..... in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing & honour & glory & power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Holy Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Those who are baptised in the Name of the Trinity,
and are communicant members of their own Churches,
are welcome to receive Holy Communion at our altar.

During Holy Communion: Blessèd Jesus, at your word.....

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

*God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.*

Lord, you give us food from heaven.
May we always hunger
for the Bread of Life.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Dismissal Hymn

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care;
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Isaac Watts; Traditional English Melody (Noël) NEH

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God almighty:
the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ **Thanks be to God**

Intercession

For the Church:

In the Anglican Communion,
we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines;
for Christians in the Biblical lands undergoing renewed persecution;
In this Diocese, for Philip our Archbishop, his Regional bishops and Archdeacons;
for this Parish of St. Kilda
- for our Locum, the Parish Council and our congregation,
that our communal life may speak to all of the Kingdom.
Within our parish, we rejoice with Michael Shaw celebrating his birthday this week

For the World:

We pray
for discernment in the ordering of political life;
for stability in international relations, especially between Israel and the Palestinian State;
for responsibility in the use of public monies.

For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre
(for all volunteers & the Management Committee).

For the Sick: for John (often sleeps on-site), Joe (from Acland Grange), Charles, Harley, Clementine, Beatrice, Andre, Aaron, Kathryn, Danny Allan, Byron, Elizabeth, Jo, Henry, Sam, Hugh, Bridget, Mary & Brian and their carers, Leigh, Helen, Danni, Joan & Henry and their carers, David, Wendy, Fr Andrew, Evan, Stephen, Fr Ken Hewlett, Ruth, Patty Dowd & for those we name in our hearts.

The Communion of Saints:

With the universal Church, we honour and invoke the Blessèd Virgin Mary, forever attentive to the Law of the Lord; the Martyrs of Japan; St Scholastica, abbess; Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs; St Valentine, martyr.

For the Departed:

those who have died as the result of warfare and violence;
those who have died recently;
& those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:

*Rest eternal + grant them, good Lord
& let everlasting light shine upon them*

Next Sunday Feb. 19th , 2023

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Of things lost and found.....

Our organist, Stuart Connew, was recently visiting a parish on the Mornington Peninsula. To his surprise, he was asked to bring back to us a ciborium, which had, sometime in the past, been left there.

What is a Ciborium? It is one of the Sacred Vessels used at the Eucharist, from which the Consecrated Bread is administered at Holy Communion. It is similar in shape to a Chalice, except that it has a lid. The ciborium which has been returned to us is much smaller than the usual one we use every Sunday because it is designed to fit into the Aumbry, in the East Wall of the Sanctuary, in which the consecrated Hosts are reserved, together with the Holy Oils.



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