

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH
The Anglican Parish of St Kilda



The Israelites gathering manna, from a Bible engraving by Gabriel Bodenehr, ca. early 1700s

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

24 September 2023

9am Parish Eucharist

Setting: Dudman

*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.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 October

The start of Daylight Saving. Sunday service time moves to 9.30am.

Sunday 8 October

Feast of St Francis, with Blessing of Animals (see flyer).

Sunday 22 October

**5pm Community Centre Twentieth Anniversary Conversation – details
forthcoming.**

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

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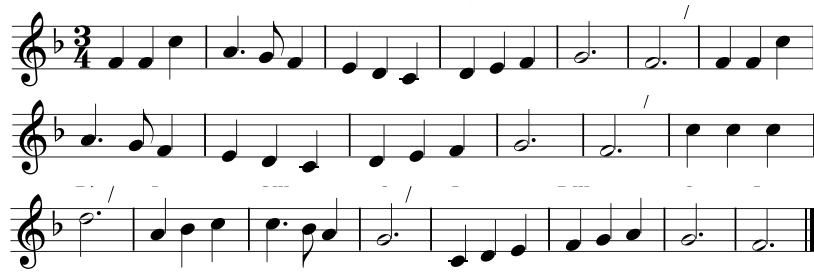
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends us.**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes
confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.**

Joachim Neander 1650–80 *tr.* Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 and others
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Tune: Lobe den Herren. TiS 111

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome

Let us pray together

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

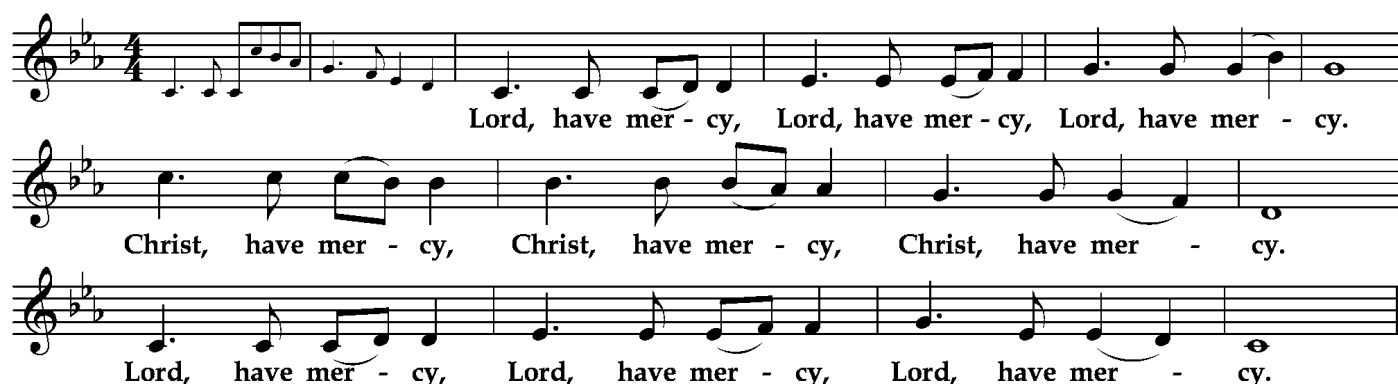
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness:

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.**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the — glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Let us pray.

Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book Exodus

16.2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will

follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.”’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”’ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.’

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

Psalm 105

(sung by all, remaining seated)



**Give thanks to God, call on his name;
to men his deeds make known.
Sing ye to him, sing psalms; proclaim
his wondrous works each one.**

**See that ye in his holy name
to glory do accord;
And let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice that seeks the Lord.**

**The Lord Almighty, and his strength,
with steadfast hearts seek ye:
His blessed and his gracious face
seek ye continually.**

**Think on the works that he hath done,
which admiration breed;
His wonders, and the judgments all
which from his mouth proceed;**

**O ye that are of Abr'ham's race,
his servant well approv'n;
And ye that Jacob's children are,
whom he chose for his own.**

**Because he, and he only, is
the mighty Lord our God;
And his most righteous judgments are
in all the earth abroad.**

The Scottish Psalter
Tune: French (Dundee), TiS 76

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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



Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

20.1-16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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

After thanksgiving for those who have died
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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:



**Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.
See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage —**

grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in their Redeemer's blood:
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
For his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings,
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the worldlings' pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton 1725–1807 *alt.*
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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 power and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed 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
ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues... never-ending praise:

Bles - sing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - - - - men.

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.



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.**

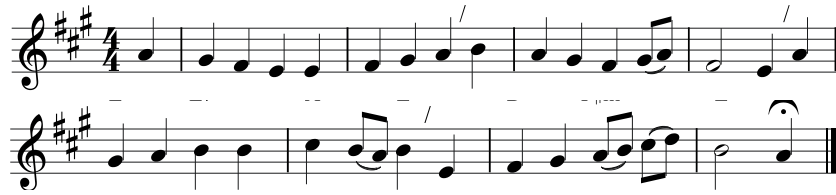
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both.

*During communion, the cantor will sing
"Forth in thy name, O Lord"*

After communion all stand

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken,
let ears that now have heard your songs
to clamour never waken.**

**Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving,
the eyes which saw your love be bright,
your blessed hope perceiving.**

**The feet that tread your holy courts
from your light do not banish,
the bodies by your body fed
with your new life replenish.**

Attrib. Ephraim the Syrian c.306–73 tr. Charles William Humphreys 1840–1921 and Percy Dearmer 1867–1936 *alt.*
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Announcements are made

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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

From the Vicar

Dear parishioners and friends,

Next Sunday is the start of Daylight Saving – don't forget to re-set your alarm clock! It is also Grand Final weekend(!) And it is also the Sunday when the service time shifts from 9am to 9.30am. This was agreed at a congregational meeting several weeks ago, and will run for a trial period up until the Annual Meeting on 19 November when we will have a formal vote as to whether to continue with the new time.

This week I undertook the interesting exercise of reviewing the old parish service registers. It was fascinating to see that our current attendance numbers (mid-high 20s) represent the average over a period of at least fifty years. One has to go back to the 1970s to find regular congregation sizes over 40. Decline began from the late 70s, falling to current numbers in the 80s, and experiencing all-time lows when the 8am and 10.30am services were combine to 9am in mid-1994, with average attendances of around a dozen for several years. The revival to the mid-20s came in the early years of Fr Jim Minchin's incumbency, but did not continue to rise.

Every parish has its own culture, and those cultures are often decades-long in development. Where many parishes around Melbourne are struggling with a substantial reduction in numbers post-Covid, attendance at Christ Church has actually remained fairly consistent. There is a very imbedded "family size" congregational culture that has ensured that not many have drifted away during the period of church closures. This poses some interesting questions in terms of "parish renewal". In seeking to live out the Gospel in St Kilda and to encourage people to consider joining this community in worship, we need to start by acknowledging that this church as a place of worship has long been small. It is many decades since our worship connected with substantial numbers of people in the local community. The exercise of renewal must therefore begin with ourselves as a caring, family-sized worshipping community, and asking how we might invite others to the family table, to the point where one day we may need to add more chairs. It is an interesting and exciting challenge!

Blessings,

Fr Craig.

NOTICES

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is said as a public service in the church at 9.30am Monday-Thursday each week. The service takes 15-20 minutes, and on major feast days (as advertised) there will be a short celebration of the Eucharist instead of Morning Prayer. On Thursdays there will be a more extended time of prayer for the parish and community, lasting until 10am. You are warmly invited to “help the vicar says his prayers”, and for coffee afterwards at Black Box café (at Theatre Works).

Weekday Eucharists next month:

Wednesday 18 October – St Luke, Evangelist and Martyr



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR

Port Philip Lay Deanery

Evensong

AT HOLY TRINITY

BALACLAVA AND ELWOOD

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SUNDAY

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24 September 17 th after Pentecost	Sandra	Fr Ken	Fr Ken	Valerie
1 October St Michael and All Angels	Bob	Robyne	Fr Craig	Charles

COVENTRY ON FIRE

If anyone still has a copy of *Mother Gail's* little red booklet would they please hand it to Valerie or Elisabeth?

Liturgy Matters:

Short reflections on elements of the liturgy at Christ Church

What are they wearing, and why? (II)

Eucharistic Vestments

In addition to the black and white garments discussed last week, some of those “up the front” in church services wear coloured items of clothing that are particular to their role and, indeed, particular to the type of service they are leading. This week I will outline in brief the main outer garments worn by a priest celebrating the Eucharist.

In addition to the cassock and alb (with optional cincture and amice), the priest wears two garments at the Eucharist – a stole and a chasuble. Occasionally they may wear a cope instead of a chasuble.

The **stole** is a long piece of cloth, often of coloured silk or other fabric and often decorated. It is the primary garment of the ordained minister, and is worn by deacons as well as priests. (Though deacons wear the stole tied to one side as a symbol of servanthood.) It is worn around the neck over the alb, but under the chasuble, dalmatic or cope. It can also be worn without an over-vestment. The stole may be decorated, and will be in the liturgical colour of the season or day. Its origins are not entirely understood, with suggestions of both Jewish antecedents (cf. the prayer shawl) and Roman

ones (cf. the scarf of office for imperial officials). It can also be understood to represent the napkin or towel with which Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper. The stole is worn for many other types of service as well, especially other sacraments.

The large poncho-like garment worn by the priest at the Eucharist is called a **chasuble**. Like the stole, it has its origins in a common Roman garment. The chasuble is only worn by the priest when celebrating the Eucharist and, like the stole, varies in colour depending on the liturgical season or day. It has taken a variety of forms over the centuries from a very full garment that reaches to the ankles and below the wrists, to a very cut-back 18th and 19th century form sometimes called the "fiddle-back" because of its violin-like shape, to the more contemporary "Gothic" form, which is actually a return to the type of fuller cut common in the Medieval period. Modern chasubles are sometimes decorated, but usually fairly simply rather than with the sort of heavy embroidery that featured in the nineteenth century fiddle-back form. From the period of the Reformation until the later nineteenth century the chasuble was not worn by Anglicans, however it was reintroduced by clergy in the Oxford and Anglo-Catholic movements, and became commonplace by the mid-twentieth century.

- CD'A

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE SICK

If you would like to add a name to the list at any time, please let Fr Craig know. Those added will remain on the list for a month, but then removed unless a request is made for ongoing prayer. Please note that names should only be added to the printed prayer list if people have asked for prayer and/or have given permission for their names to be added.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For an end to political and military violence in the more than thirty countries currently in conflict; praying for the people of Ukraine, Russia and South Sudan; for those suffering from natural disaster in Morocco and Libya. For discernment and honesty in public debate, praying for the Referendum on the Voice to Parliament.

For the Church:

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for The Church of Ireland. We pray for the Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); St George's Anglican Church Ivanhoe East (John Sanderson, Kristen Dillon) and the Anglican Board of Mission (John Deane, Executive Director).

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
for the staff, and volunteers.

For the Sick: John, Joe, Charles, Aaron, Danny Allan, Byron, Elizabeth, Jo, Hugh, Mary & Brian and their carers, Helen, Danni, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Patty Dowd, Judy, Lee, Robyn, Dalton, Maria O'Keeffe, Robert, Wilma & for those we name in our hearts.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week – Marion Heathfield
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them.

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Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to one of the clergy or welcomers.

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