

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem (1320) by Pietro Lorenzetti

The Sunday of the Passion
(Palm Sunday)

29 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.*

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Weather-permitting, this morning's service begins outside the church.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year.

During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection.

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action the centre of the Easter mystery: our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

All hold up the palm branches and crosses to be blessed

Sovereign God, we thank you for these branches and crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21.1-11

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All gather at the door of the church

The celebrant reads the prayer:

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

During the procession all sing:



***All glory, praise and honour to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

**You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one. *Refrain.***

**The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply. *Refrain.***

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain.***

**To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise. *Refrain.***

**Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king. *Refrain.***

*Theodulph of Orleans d.821
tr. John Mason Neale 1818–66 alt. TIS 333*

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

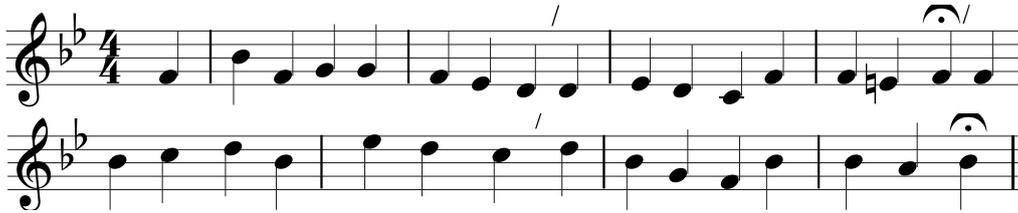
All sit

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

All stand



**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty;
your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign!**

Henry Hart Milman 1791–1868 *alt.*
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*Remain standing or sit, as you are most comfortable, for the Passion
There are no responses before or after the Passion reading*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D'Alton

All kneel or sit

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer

All stand

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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:



**My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.**

**O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?**

**Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.**

**Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath
and for his death
they thirst and cry.**

**Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.**

**Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.**

**They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save;
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.**

Samuel Crossman 1624–84 *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 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.... never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours 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.**

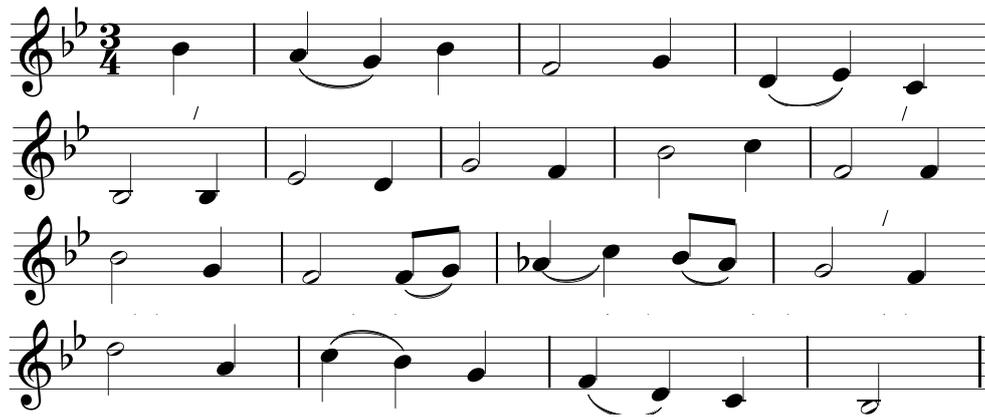
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the 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 our help and strength, through these holy mysteries confirm our faith, that by the death and resurrection of your Son we may walk in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinners' hope though all deride:
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

**The cross—it takes our guilt away,
it holds the fainting spirit up,
it cheers with hope the gloomy day
and sweetens every bitter cup:
it makes the coward spirit brave
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes all terror from the grave
and gilds the bed of death with light;
the balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

Thomas Kelly 1769–1855 *alt.*
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Announcements are made

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **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

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
29 th March	Deba	Fr Glenn	Fr Craig	Charles	Charles

The roster for the remainder of Holy Week will be emailed out on Monday. Please speak to Valerie TODAY if you have not yet responded with your availability.

HOLY WEEK

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March

9.30am Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist

Monday-Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2 April

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 April

9.30am Ecumenical Service (at 1 St Leonard's Ave)

12noon The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER DAY – 5 April

6.00am Great Vigil of Easter

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist

NOTICES

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS EASTER DAY

Don't forget to adjust your clocks back one hour. You get an extra hour sleep in before the Great Vigil!

HOLY WEEK MUSIC PRACTICE

Immediately following today's service there will be a brief (less than 10 minutes) practice of some of the special musical responses during the three great services of the Triduum. Please do remain if you are able. Morning tea will follow the practice.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION

Nominations are invited to be a parish representative in Synod for the next three years. The parish has two lay representatives, and one alternate representative (for if one of the reps is unable to attend.) Closing date for nominations is Sunday 29 March. If there are more nominations than places available, an election will be held on Sunday 12 April. To be eligible for nomination you must be over 18, on the parish electoral roll, have been an habitual attender of worship at Christ Church for at least the past three months, be baptized, and not be on the electoral roll of any other parish. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

EASTER EGGS

Are you able to offer some Easter Eggs for distribution on Easter day? If so, please speak with Valerie Lion.

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. 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. Elisabeth would be pleased to accept your donations. Many thanks to those who have given donations for flowers so far this year.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For lasting peace, and a healing of political and religious divisions throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Iran, the Gulf states, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia.

For the Church:

We pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. In Australia we pray for all Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens. In this diocese for St George's Ivanhoe East (Chaplain Soma).

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: Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.

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

For the Departed:

those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Audrey Mavis Laird.

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

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Are you new to Christ Church?

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 the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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