

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



“Paul at the Areopagus” – Sir James Thornhill

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am

10 May 2026

Setting: Dudman



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.*

THIS WEEK

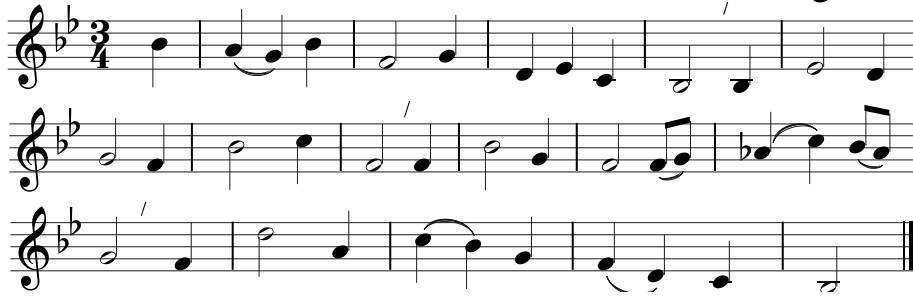
Monday-Wednesday 9.30am Morning Prayer
Thursday 9.30am Eucharist for Ascension Day

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!**

**O wide-embracing, wondrous love,
we read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.**

**We read you best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.**

**We read your power to bless and save
ev'n in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of your might.**

**O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way;
eternal love, in you we rest,
for ever safe, for ever blest.**

Horatius Bonar 1808–89

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Tune: Bow Brickhill. TIS 139

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

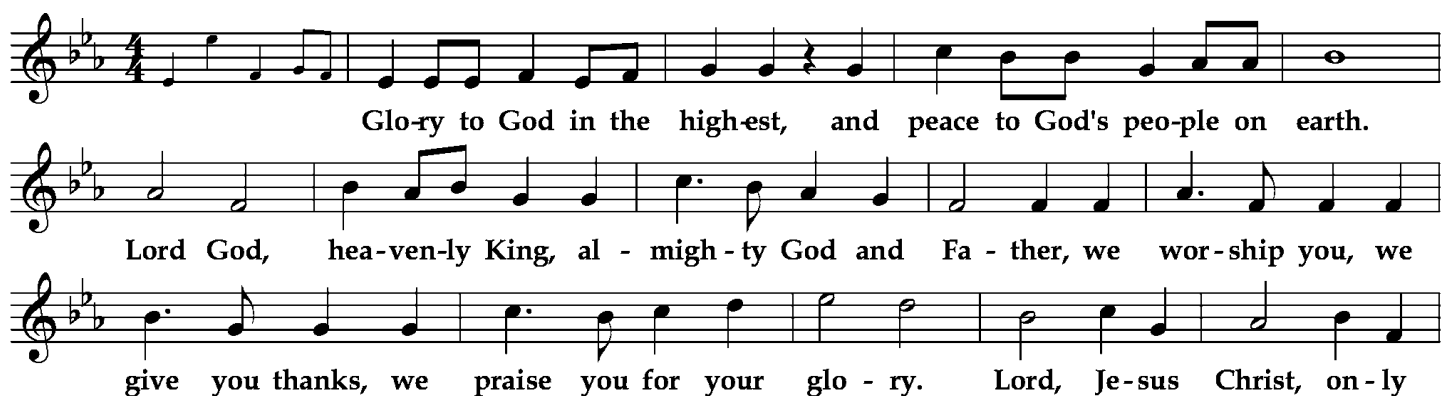
Christ, have mercy

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

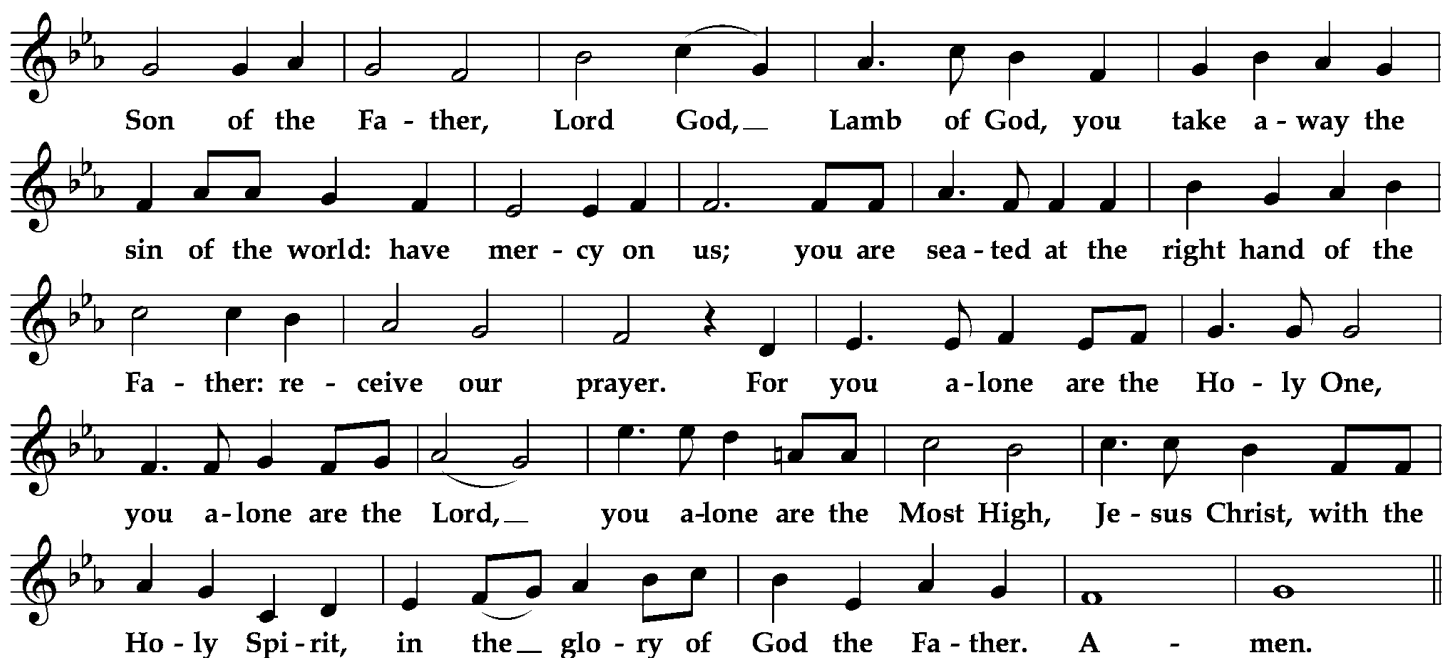
The celebrant pronounces the absolution



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.

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all people to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or

stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Psalm 66

Response:

All you na - tions, sing out your joy to the
Lord: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Joyfully shout, all you on earth, give praise to the glory of God;
and with a hymn sing out his glorious praise: **alleluia! *Response***

Lift up your hearts, sing to your God: tremendous his deeds for us all!
Vanquished your foes, struck down by power and might:
alleluia! *Response*

Let all the earth kneel in your sight, extolling your marvellous fame;
honour your name, in highest heaven give praise:
alleluia! *Response*

Come forth and see all the great works that God has brought forth by his
might; fall on your knees before his glorious throne:
alleluia! *Response*

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A reading from the first letter of Peter

3.13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an

who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand

I ask you to affirm as yours the faith you proclaimed at your baptism:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

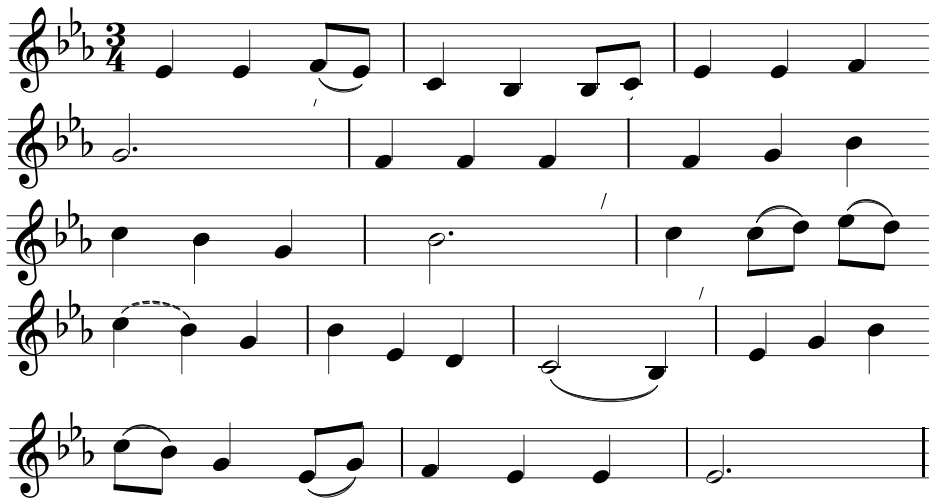
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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



**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven ward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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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.



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, bearer of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: grant us your 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

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the spirit of love and unite us in faith that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.
Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

Ancient and Modern: hymns and songs for refreshing worship #584
Robert Bridges 1844–1930 *alt.*
after Joachim Neander 1650–80. See NEH.
Tune: Michael. TIS 560

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

NOTICES

MAY ROSTER

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
10 th May	Deba	Helen	Geoffrey	Elisabeth	Valerie
17 th May	Geoffrey	Bob	Deba	Deba	Charles
25 th May	Bob	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey

EASTERTIDE STUDIES

“Back to the beginning” – a fresh look at Genesis 1-3. Fr Craig will lead a study group following morning tea on Sundays, concluding 17 May. Discover more about these foundational “creation” texts, and the complexity of the early narratives in Genesis. All are welcome.

MID-WINTER FEAST

The very popular Mid-Winter Feast will take place on Friday 19 June. Tickets are \$95, with all funds raised supporting ministry and outreach at Christ Church. Bookings are now open! For full details, and how to book, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLZZO>

ASCENSION DAY

... is this Thursday 14 May. Eucharist at 9.30am, followed by coffee at Black Box Café (Theatreworks).

LAY DEANERY LUNCH

The annual Port Phillip Deanery Luncheon is to be held on Sunday 7th June at 12.30hr. at Holy Trinity Balaclava. We thank Fr Tony Poole and the Parishioners for kindly hosting the lunch. It is a great opportunity to meet the Parishioners from the other six Deanery Churches, also to renew friendships made at previous lunches which are always happy occasions. Please support your representatives, Elisabeth and Robyn. Kindly let us know by Monday 1st June if you can attend. We look forward to welcoming many of you there.”

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 Church of Pakistan. In Australia we pray for ministry with the Defence Forces (Bp Grant Dibden). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of the Mornington Peninsula.

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

Also remembering those with long-terms 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: Ian Pulling, Raymond Milton Johnson, Rowena Thomasson.

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

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