

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



"My Lord and my God" – Modern icon

Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am

12 April 2026

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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

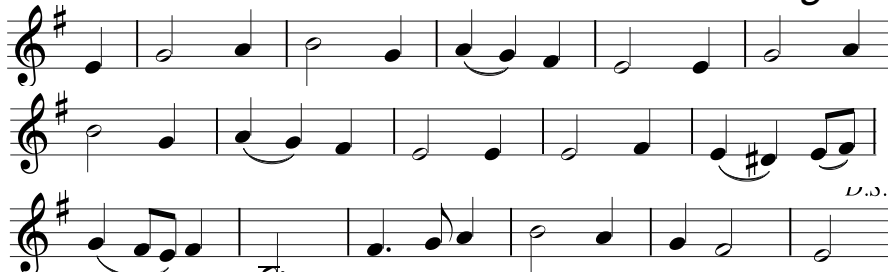
Monday-Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**My daughters and my sons hear tell —
The king of heav'n, the glorious king
is risen today from death and hell.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**His followers huddle in despair,
when suddenly he's in the room,
saying, 'My peace is yours to share.'**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**But Thomas, lonely in his grief,
hears only later, 'He is risen',
and simply cannot find belief.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**'Look, Thomas, see my wounded side.
Reach out, and touch my feet and hands,
then dare believe that I'm alive.'**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**And now he knows it is the Lord.
He sees the hands, the feet, the side.
He cries for joy, 'You are my God!'**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**How happy those who come to faith,
although they have not seen the Lord
for they shall have eternal life —**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jean Tisserand d.1494 tr. Janet Wootton 1952—Arrangement © L. F. Bartlett

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Tune: O filii et filliae. TiS 363, vv.1, 4-8

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive 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 Acts of the Apostles

2.14a, 22-32

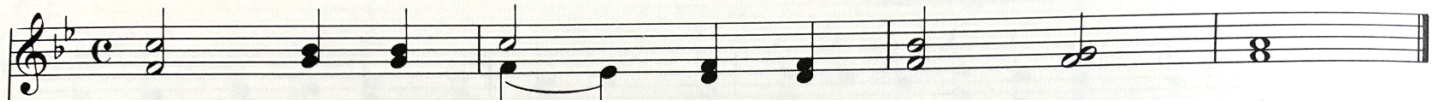
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put

one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

Psalm 16

Repeat the response after the cantor and as indicated



Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: “You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone.” O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup, it is yourself who are my prize. **Response**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since he is at my right hand I shall stand firm. **Response**

And so my heart rejoices, by soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety, For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **Response**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **Response**

Gelineau p.48

A reading from the first letter of Peter

1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and

glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20.19-31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not

written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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:



**Easter glory fills the sky, alleluia,
Christ now lives, no more to die, alleluia;
darkness has been put to flight, alleluia,
by the living Lord of light, alleluia.**

**See, the stone is rolled away, alleluia,
from the tomb where once he lay, alleluia;
he has risen as he said, alleluia,
glorious firstborn from the dead, alleluia.**

**Mary, Mother, greet your Son, alleluia,
radiant from his triumph won, alleluia;
by his cross you shared his pain, alleluia,
so for ever share his reign, alleluia.**

**Magd'len, wipe away your tears, alleluia:
he has come who calms your fears, alleluia;
hear the Master speak your name, alleluia;
turn to him with heart aflame, alleluia.**

**Seek not life within the tomb, alleluia;
Christ stands in the upper room, alleluia:
risen glory he conceals, alleluia,
risen body he reveals, alleluia.**

**Though we see his face no more, alleluia,
he is with us as before, alleluia:
glory veiled, he is our priest, alleluia,
his true flesh and blood our feast, alleluia.**

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



Christ the Lord is risen today: *Hallelujah!*
Let the whole creation say: *Hallelujah!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high: *Hallelujah!*
Sing now, heaven, and earth reply: *Hallelujah!*

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won;
vain the stone, the watch, the seal:
Christ has burst the gates of hell.**

**Lives again our glorious king;
where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise:
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*
Tune: Easter Hymn. TiS 370

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.**

Almighty God, who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ, and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom, give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your eternal inheritance; 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

EASTER THANKS

Hearty thanks to all who have contributed to services of Holy Week, especially to Fr Ken and Elisabeth for preparing the church, Tim for his fine music, Valerie and Bob for many days of brass polishing, all those who contributed to the working bee, readers, greeters, and those who provided hospitality – and Easter eggs! Liturgy is the work of the people of God, and is always a group effort!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS – SUNDAY 26 APRIL

26 April is “Good Shepherd Sunday.” We will take the opportunity to give thanks for the care we have for animals, and the gifts they give to us. As part of these celebrations you are encouraged to bring your pets (or a photo if your pet is less “portable”) to be blessed at the beginning of the Eucharist.

APRIL ROSTER

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
12 th April	Helen	Rachel	Geoffrey	Deba	Valerie
19 th April	Fr Glenn	Fr Ken	Deba	Geoffrey	Charles
26 th April	Deba	Geoffrey	Fr Craig	Charles	Geoffrey

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 Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of The Hills.

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-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.

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

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