

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



"Martyrdom of St Stephen" – Fra Angelico

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am

3 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

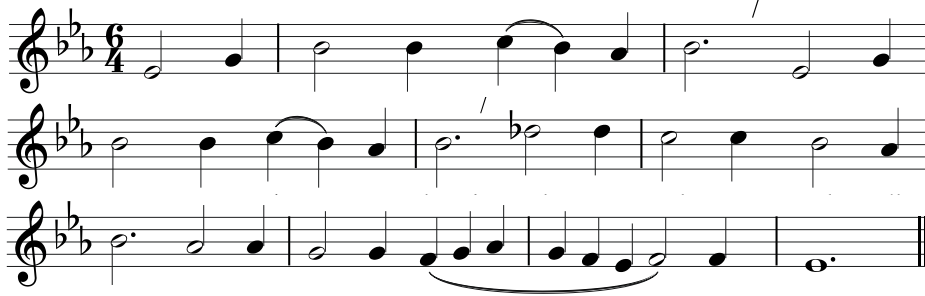
Monday-Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer.

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Come, my way, my truth, my life,
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.**

**Come, my light, my feast, my strength,
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.**

**Come, my joy, my love, my heart,
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.**

George Herbert 1593–1633
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Tune: The call. TiS 552

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

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who 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 Acts of the Apostles

7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31

Response:

In you, O Lord, I found ref - uge; let me
nev - er - more be put to shame.

By your saving power deliver me, bend down your ear and hear me; come quickly, Lord, come quickly to my rescue. **Response**

Be a rock of refuge to save me, be a strong fortress to shield me; Lord, lead and guide me for your own name's sake. **Response**

Set me free from the net spread to catch me, for you, O Lord, are my safety; into your hands my spirit I commit. **Response**

Faithful God, your grace has saved me; in love you saw my affliction and tended me in my deep distress. **Response**

tr. John L. Bell 1949–
Words and music from *Psalms of Patience, Protest and Praise*
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A reading from the first letter of Peter

2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honour, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

14.1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

All sit

Sermon – Mr Debadip Dutta

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?

**to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.**

*Samuel John Stone 1839–1900 alt.
Tune: Aurelia. TIS 457*

The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

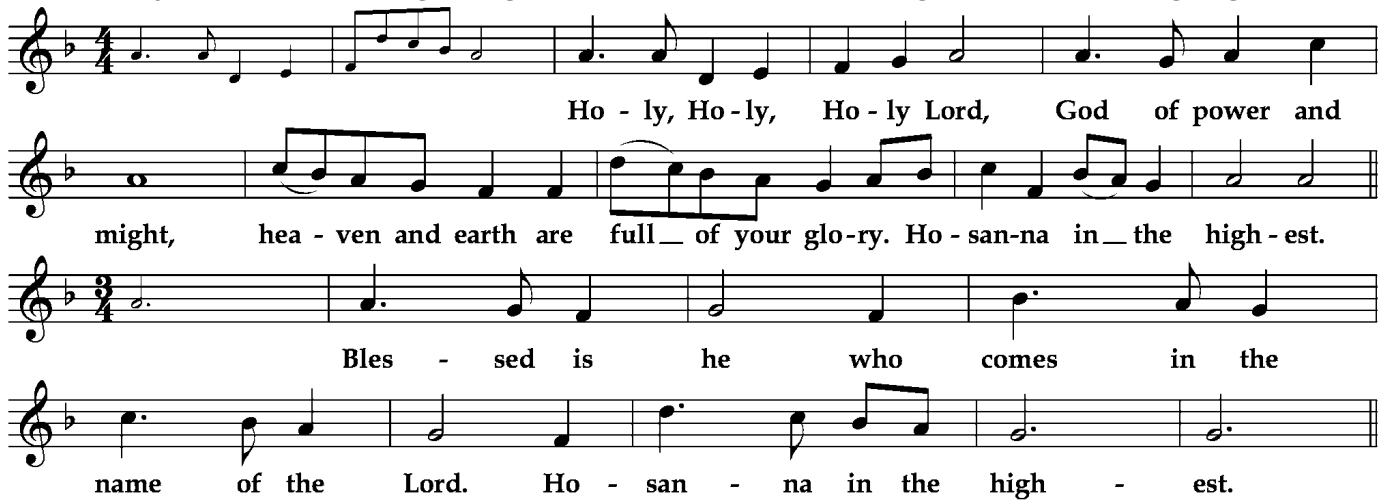
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

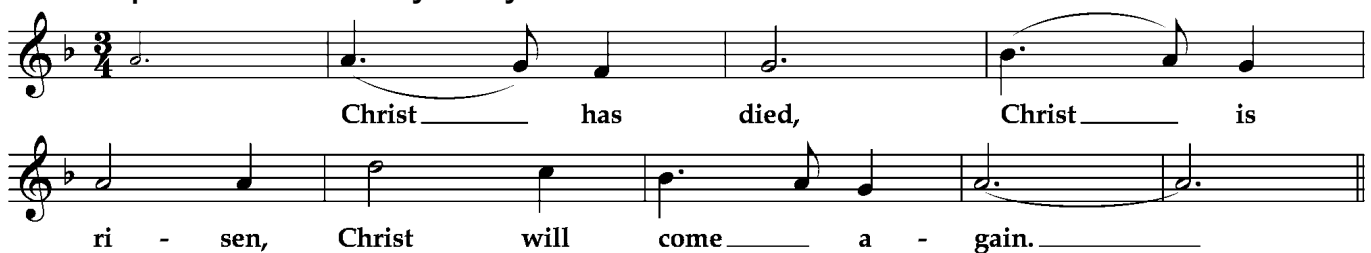
The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:



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.**

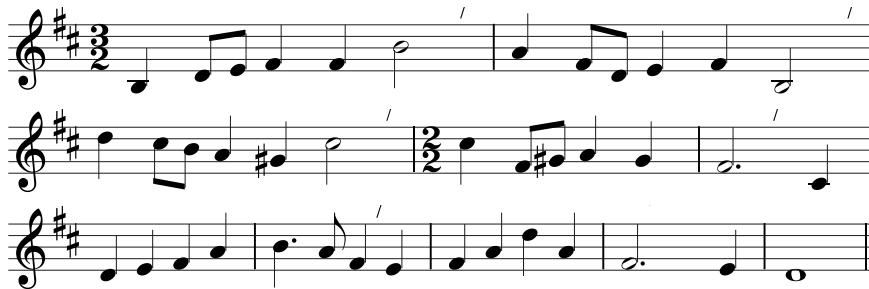
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the 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



**This is the truth we hold,
source of the joy we share,
hope that can make us bold
trusting the name we bear:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**This is the song of praise
echoing down the years,
true for the present days,
through all our doubts and fears:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**Christ is the living bread,
Christ is the word to speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal to seek;
for 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

**One in the faith we share,
out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
longing that all should know**

**that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.**

*Basil Ernest Bridge 1927–
Words from New Songs of Praise by permission Oxford University Press
Music © M. Shaw
Tune: Little Cornard. TiS 469*

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
3 rd May	Bob	Rachel	Fr Ken	Valerie	Gary
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 3 & 17 May. Discover more about these foundational “creation” texts, and the complexity of the early narratives in Genesis. All are welcome.

MID-WINTER FEAST – SAVE THE DATE

The very popular Mid-Winter Feast will take place on Friday 19 June. Pop the date in your diary now! Booking details will be available in a few weeks.

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Parishioner Maggie Lindop (B.Ed, Dip.Bowen, Tai Chi Dan) will lead weekly classes at the Community Centre every Tuesday 3.30-4.30. All are welcome.

ASCENSION DAY

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

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 Episcopal Church in the United States. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell). In this diocese for the archdeacons, and for Archbishop Ric and Bp Alison.

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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