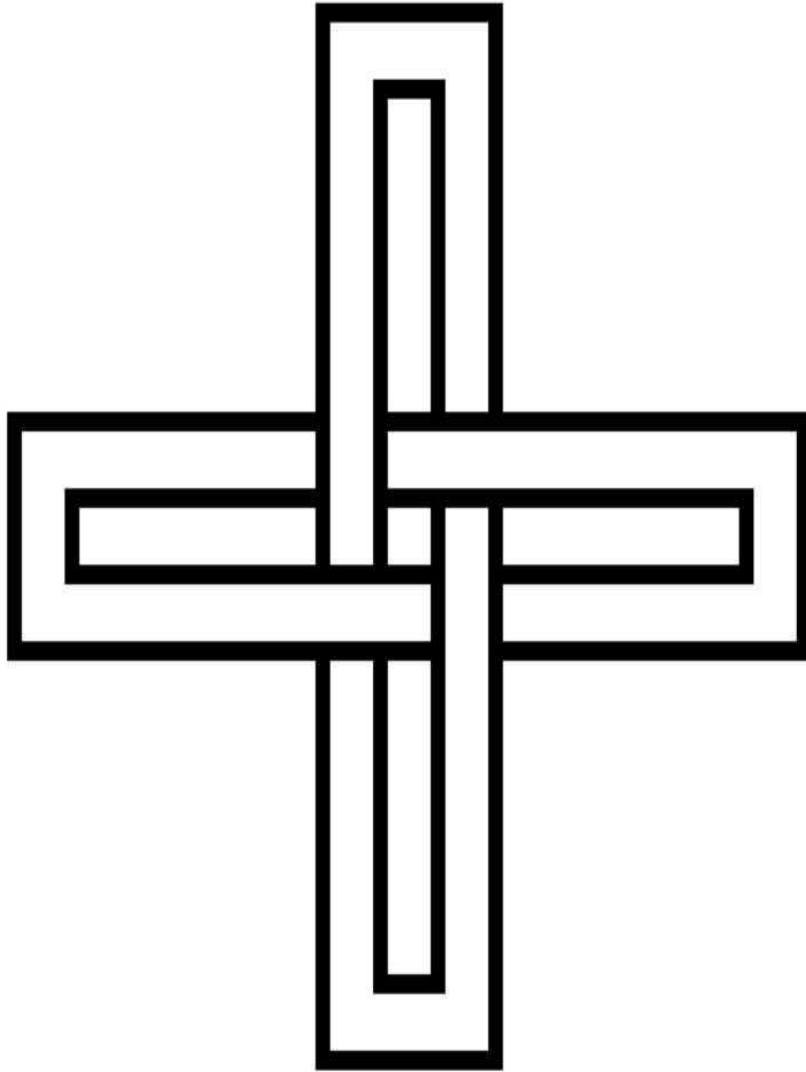


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
4 October 2026

9.30am Parish Eucharist
Setting: Christ Church Mass – Philip Matthias

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.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 18 October

9.30am Eucharist with Holy Baptism on St Luke's Day

Wednesday 28 October

9.30am Eucharist for SS Simon and Jude

Monday 2 November

9.30am Requiem Eucharist for All Souls' Day

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

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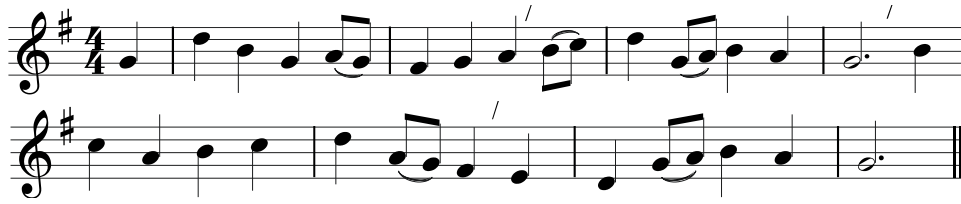
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.**

**He bids us build each other up;
and gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.**

**The gift which he on one bestows
we all delight to prove;
the grace through every vessel flows,
in purest streams of love.**

**Ev'n now we think and speak the same,
and cordially agree;
concentred all, through Jesus' name,
in perfect harmony.**

**We all partake the joy of one,
the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown,
a joy unspeakable.**

**And if our fellowship below
in Jesus be so sweet,
what heights of rapture shall we know
when round his throne we meet.**

Charles Wesley 1707–88
Tune: Newington. TiS 422(i)

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.**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy. Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy, Christ, have _ mer - cy. Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy.' The score includes dynamic markings: *Organ* (written below the first staff), *mp* (mezzo-piano) above the second staff, *mf* (mezzo-forte) above the fourth staff, and *aecresc.* (a crescendo) below the fourth staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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.



Organ *f* Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to God's people on earth, *mf* Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we

cresc. wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

cresc. glo - ry. *mp* 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

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: *p* re -

f - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One:

cresc. you a-lone are the Lord: you a-lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

ff in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Let us pray.

Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book Exodus

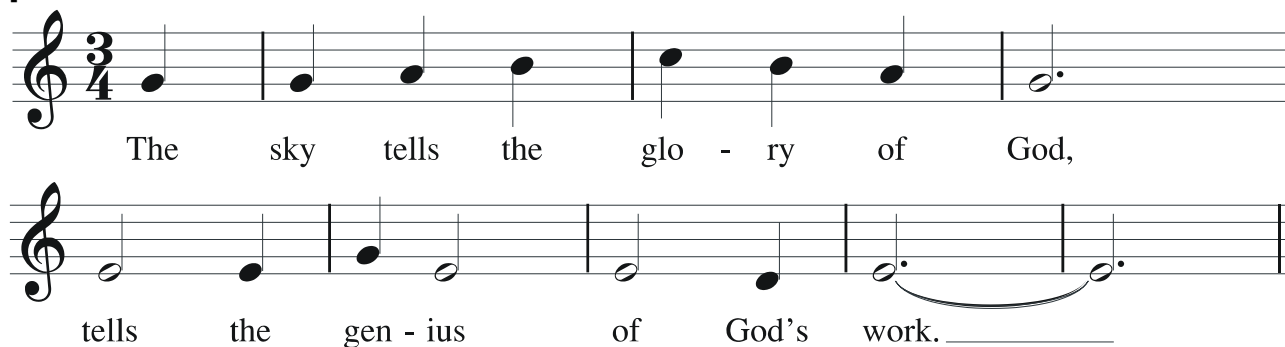
20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour." When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

Psalm 19

Response:



The sky tells the glory of God, tells the genius of God's work.

Day carries the news to day, night brings the message to night, **Response**
without a word, without a sound, without a voice being heard,
and yet their message fills the world, their news reaches its rim. **Response**

There God has pitched a tent for the sun to rest and rise renewed
like a bridegroom rising from bed, an athlete eager to run a race. **Response**

It springs from the edge of the earth, runs a course across the sky
to win the race at heaven's end. Nothing on earth escapes its heat.

Response

tr. Psalms for All Seasons (ICEL)
TIS 7 – Howard Hughes

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe
of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to
zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss
because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of
the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I
may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like
him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I
press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers

and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

21.33-46

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the

Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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:



**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

**Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?**

**What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
how sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.**

Return, O holy dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper 1731–1800
Tune: Caithness. TiS 576

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:

Organ Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

mf Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. *f* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Organ mf Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
f Christ will come a - gain.

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

Organ f Bless - ing and hon - our and
 glo - ry and power are yours for ev - er and ev - er. 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.

Organ *mp* Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us your peace, *p* 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.**

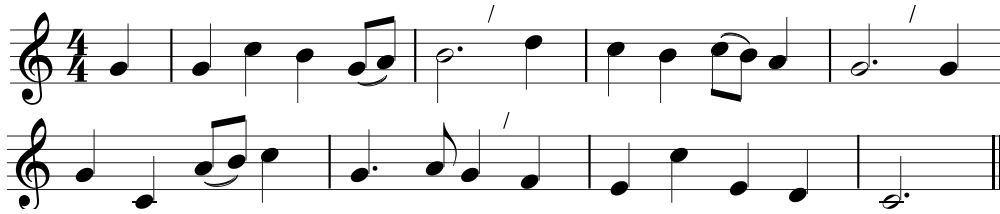
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the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

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Have faith in God, my heart,
trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
each promise he has made.

Have faith in God, my mind,
though oft your light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
than you can fully know.

Have faith in God, my soul,
his cross for ever stands;
and neither life nor death can pluck
his children from his hands.

Lord Jesus, make me whole;
grant me no resting place
until I rest, heart, mind and soul,
the captive of your grace.

Bryn Austin Rees 1911–83 *alt.*
Words © Mrs Olwen Scott
Tune: Sandys. TiS 619

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.

NOTICES

ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
4 th Oct	Jenny	Amanda	Fr Ken	Deba	Valerie
11 th Oct	Deba	Lindy	Fr Craig	Valerie	Gary
18 th Oct	Helen	Fr Ken	Fr Craig	Fr Ken	Helen
25 th Oct	Fr Glenn	John	Deba	Charles	Charles

SUNDAY STUDY GROUPS – EXODUS

During September and early October Fr Craig will lead a series of studies on the book of Exodus, as we read through key chapters of the book at Sunday services. The Exodus is the defining story of the people of Israel. As well as being crucial to understanding the narrative theology of the Scriptures as a whole, including the New Testament, it constitutes key background to contemporary events in the Middle East. The remaining seminars will follow Morning Tea on the following dates: 4,11 October.

STONEMWORK RESTORATION OF CHURCH WEST DOOR

A generous donation, combined with the success of the end of financial year push for the National Trust Appeal, has enabled the parish to accept a quote for the restoration of the stonework around the main West Door of the church. This will entail three weeks of work on site. The work will include replacement of several decayed stones and indent repairs to others. This will include elements of the decoration that have deteriorated badly. On weekdays during the works, entry to the church will be via the South Transept. On Sundays we expect to have full access as usual.

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 Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and in Australia for the diocese of Ballarat as they seek to appoint a new bishop. In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of Yarra Ranges.

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: Ross, Les, Charles, 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, 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: Julie Dodd.

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



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