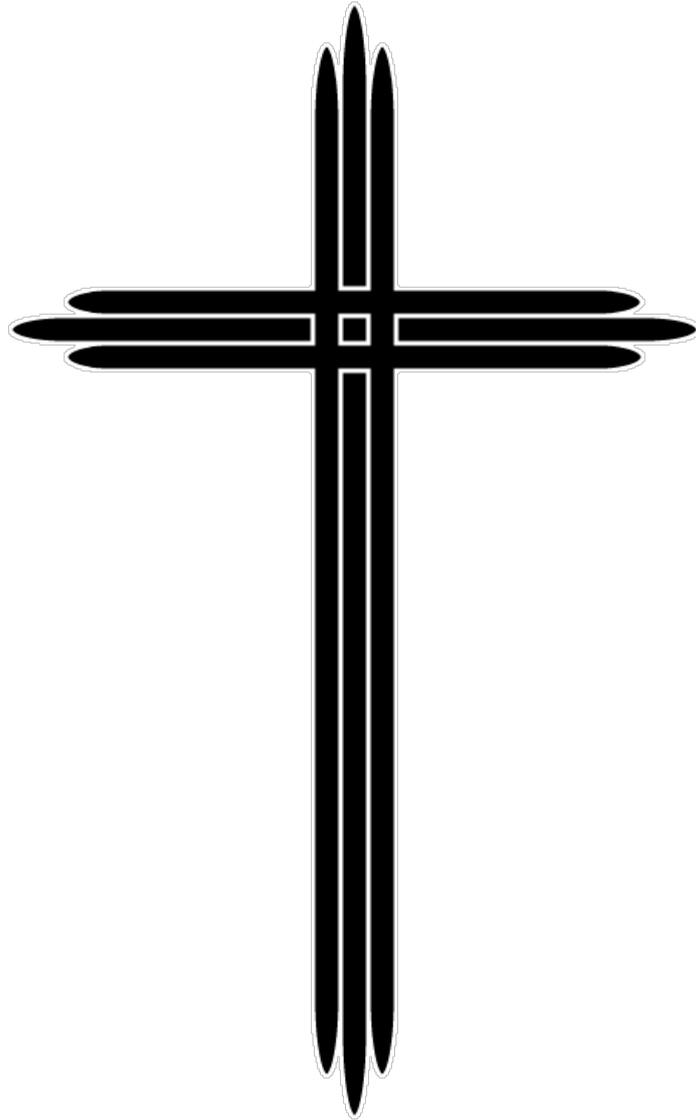


*Welcome to*  
**CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA**  
*YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME*



**The First Sunday of Lent**

**22 February 2026**

**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.*

***SERVICES THIS WEEK (all at 9.30am)***

*Monday – Morning Prayer  
Tuesday – Eucharist (St Matthias' Day)  
Wednesday – Eucharist  
Thursday – Morning Prayer*

*Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off*

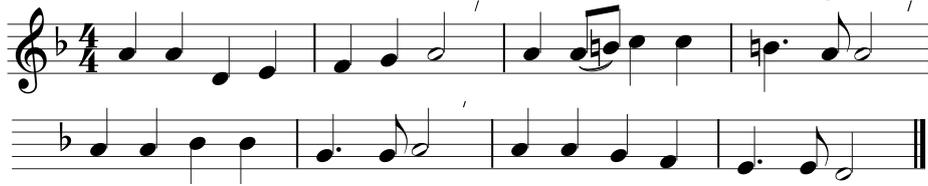
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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand when the entrance bell is rung*



**Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:  
let us your endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with you watching unto prayer,  
with you strong to suffer pain.  
And if Satan on us press  
flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fail.  
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822–70 and Francis Pott 1832–1909 alt. TIS 591*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*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.**

*Cantor (or group)*                      *All*                      *Cantor (or group)*

Lord, have mer - cy    Lord have mer - cy    Christ, have mer - cy

*All*                      *Cantor (or group)*                      *All*

Christ, have mer - cy    Lord have me - cy    Lord, have mer - cy.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*The celebrant reads the prayer of the day and the Lenten prayer*

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit*

A reading from the book Genesis

2.15-17; 3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## Psalm 90



**Be with me Lord, when I am in trou – ble.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My Refuge, my strong hold, my God in whom I trust!" **Response**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you he has commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

**Response**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **Response**

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." I will save him in distress and give him glory. **Response**

Gelineau p.23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned- for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

*All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Owen Alstott



**℟. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!**

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

4.1-11

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

*All sit*

*Sermon – Fr Ken Letts*

*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**

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:*



**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
does seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly powers  
no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours**

through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

Words and music: Martin Luther. Tr Frederic Henry Hedge  
Psalter Hymnal, (Gray), 1987

*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....* 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*

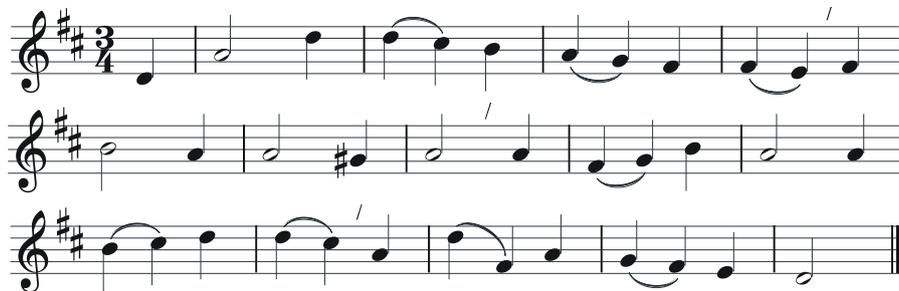
*present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.*

*During communion, the cantor will sing.*

*After communion all stand*

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



**Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell;  
around the path I tread;  
O, save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.**

Isaac Williams 1802-65  
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*Announcements are made*

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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 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 FEBRUARY**

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Geoffrey	Fr Glenn	Deba	Charles	Valerie
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Mandy	Jenny	Fr Craig	Valerie	Charles
8 <sup>th</sup> March	William	Deba	Geoffrey	Deba	Gary
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fr Ken	Bob	Fr Ken	Elisabeth	Valerie
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Geoffrey	William	Deba	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Deba	Fr Glenn	Fr Craig	Charles	Charles

**NOTICES**

**LENT, HOLY WEEK, EASTER**

Please take a copy of the Lent, Holy Week, Easter brochure, outlining services, groups and events. Take extras if you think family or friends might also like to know about what is planned.

## **WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS**

A reminder that through Lent the Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 9.30am instead of Morning Prayer.

## **LENT STUDY GROUPS**

Sundays at 11.00am (in the CFS Room)

**The Sermon on the Mount** Feb 22, March 1, 15, 22

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

Fridays at 10am (in the CSF room)

**Thine is the kingdom: Living like Matthew.** Feb 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27. Leader: Fr Ken Letts

## **ST KILDA FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Huge thanks to all who helped at the sausage sizzle. Over \$1400 was raised.

## **NORTH TRANSEPT**

The emergency work on the window in the North Transept is now complete. Over this week we will convert the transept into a new chapel space. This is being made possible by the generous long-term loan of an additional altar from St Silas' Albert Park, which is surplus to their needs. The new altar (which is of a much more practical height than the present one) will be placed in the St Michael chapel. The existing St Michael chapel altar will be placed in the North Transept, which will become a reflective prayer space, and available for use for small services. The structure and use of that space will evolve over the next few weeks, and feedback is welcome.

## INTERCESSIONS

### **For the World:**

For lasting peace throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Palestine and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. For the people of Venezuela, Iran and the United States.

### **For the Church:**

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for the Church of Ireland (Bp John McDowell). Within Australia we pray for the Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester). In this diocese for St David's, Doncaster East (Judith Frost).

### **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.

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

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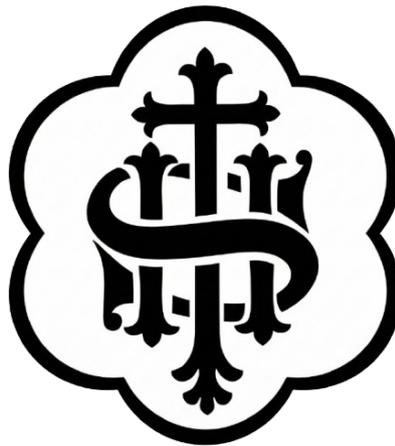
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*Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.*

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