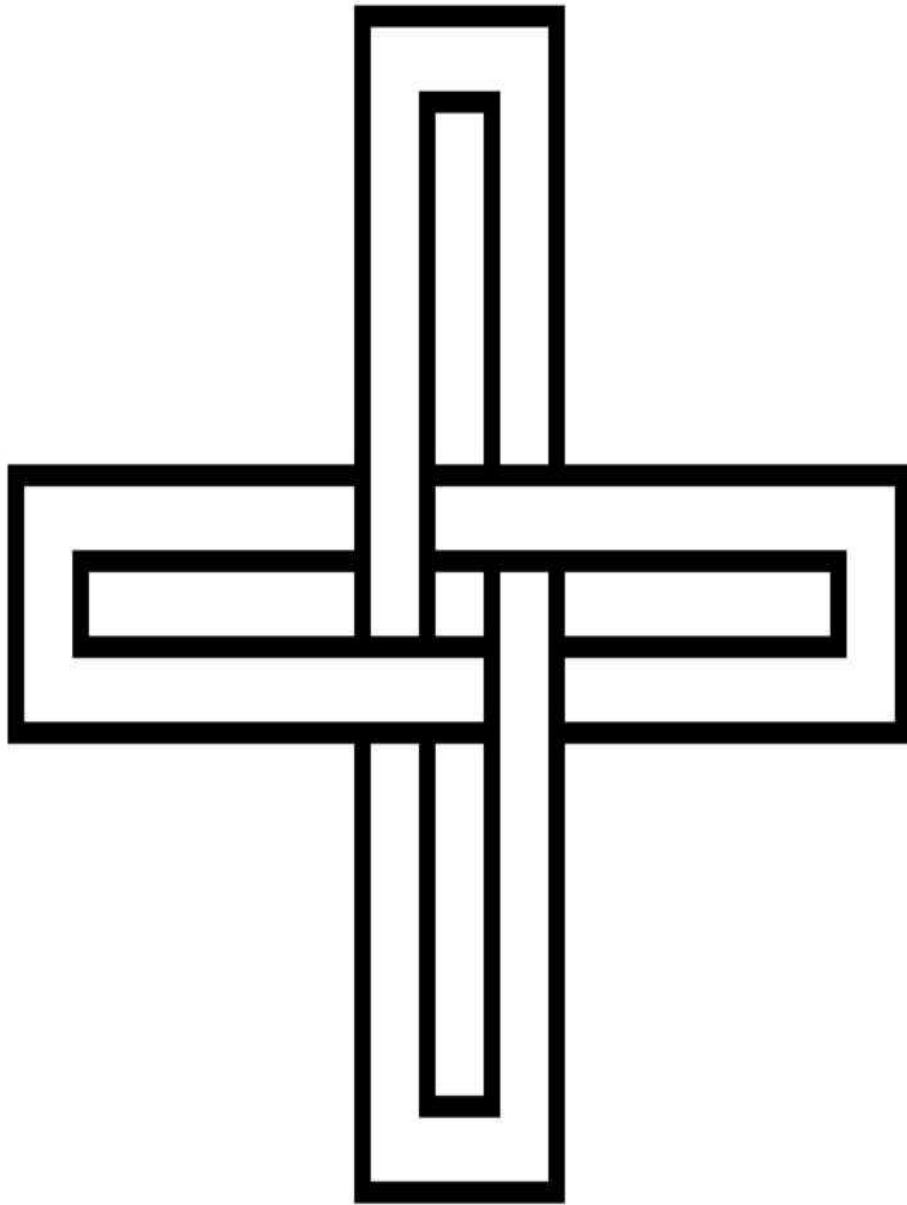


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am

13 September 2026

Setting: Christ Church Service – 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 9.30am Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Cross
Wednesday-Thursday 9.30am 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



**O bless the Lord, my soul,
his saving grace proclaim,
and all that is within me join
to bless his holy name.**

**O bless the Lord, my soul,
his mercies bear in mind,
forget not all his benefits:
the Lord to me is kind.**

**He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise,
and ready to abate.**

**He pardons all my sins,
prolongs my feeble breath,
he heals all my infirmities,
and ransoms me from death.**

**He clothes me with his love,
upholds me with his truth,
and like the eagle he renews
the vigour of my youth.**

**Then bless his holy name
whose grace has made me whole,
whose loving kindness crowns my days;
O bless the Lord, my soul.**

Anon., in Thomas Cotterill's *Selection* 1819
attrib. James Montgomery 1771–1854 *alt.*
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Tune: Venice TiS 64

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:

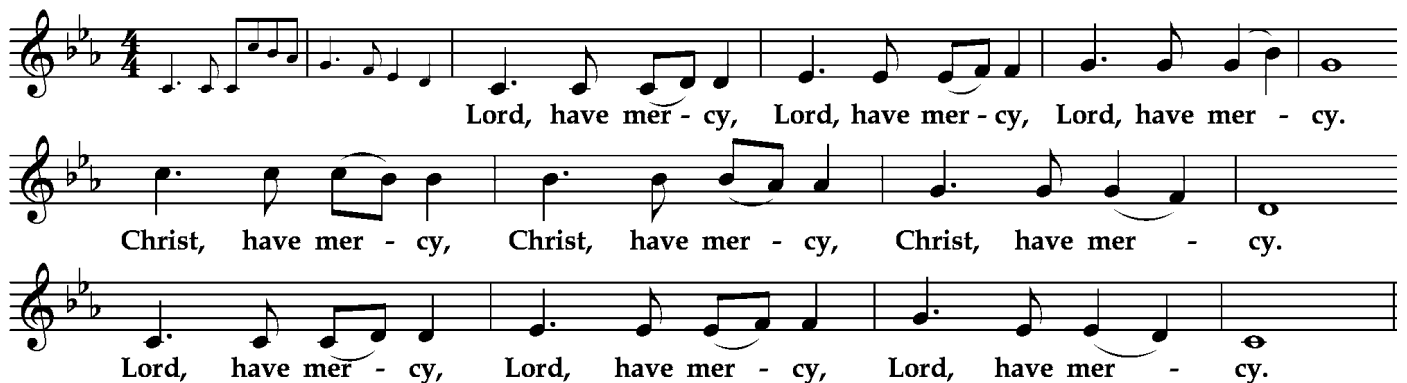
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



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.

Let us pray.

O God, without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book Exodus

14.19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for

them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114
(remain seated)



**When Isr'el out of Egypt went,
and did his dwelling change,
When Jacob's house went out from those
that were of language strange,
He Judah did his sanctuary,
his kingdom Isr'el make:
The sea it saw, and quickly fled,**

Jordan was driven back.

**Like rams the mountains, and like lambs
the hills skipped to and fro.**

**O sea, why fledd'st thou? Jordan, back
why wast thou driven so?**

**Ye mountains great, wherefore was it
that ye did skip like rams?**

**And wherefore was it, little hills,
that ye did leap like lambs?**

**O at the presence of the Lord,
earth, tremble thou for fear,
While as the presence of the God
of Jacob doth appear:**

**Who from the hard and stony rock
did standing water bring;
And by his pow'r did turn the flint
into a water-spring.**

*The Scottish Psalter (1650)
Tune: Creditor. TiS 269*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

14.1-14

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before

the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live', says the Lord, 'every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

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 give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

18.21-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he

refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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:



**God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines
of never-failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs,
and works his sovereign will.**

**You fearful saints, fresh courage take:
the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break
in blessings on your head.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,
unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste,
but sweet will be the flower.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err,
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain.**

William Cowper 1731–1800
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Tune: London New TiS 126 (Tune 119)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

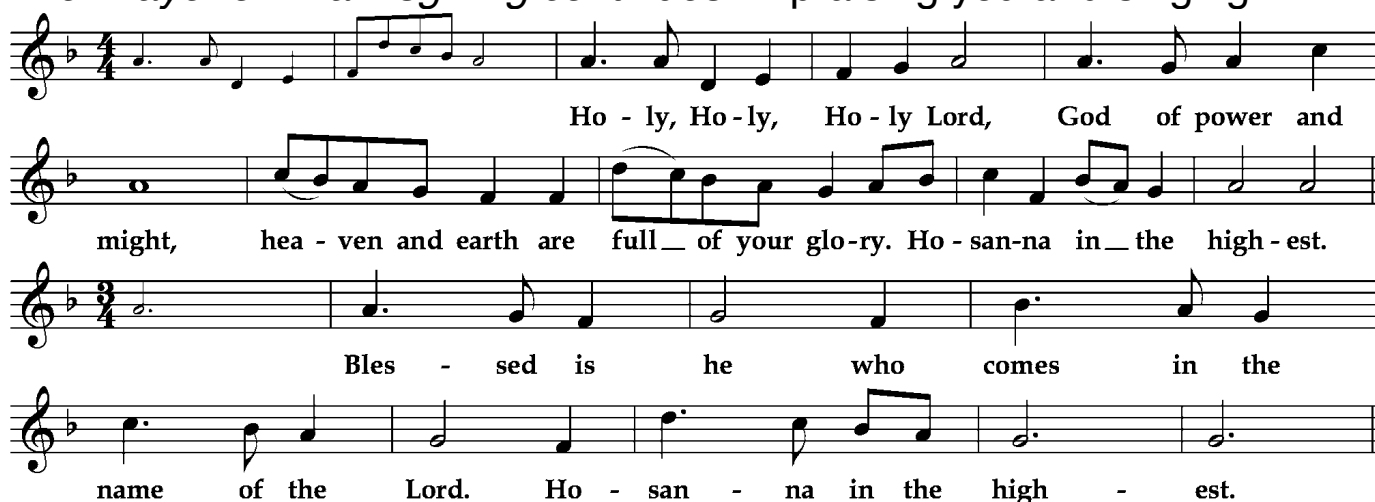
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

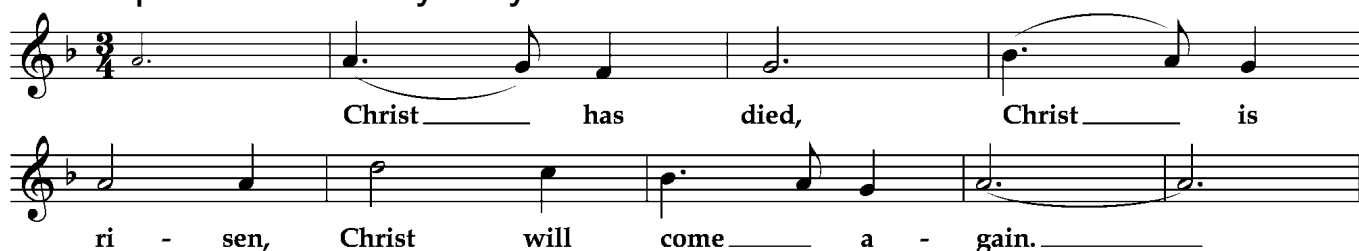
The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:



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.



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.**

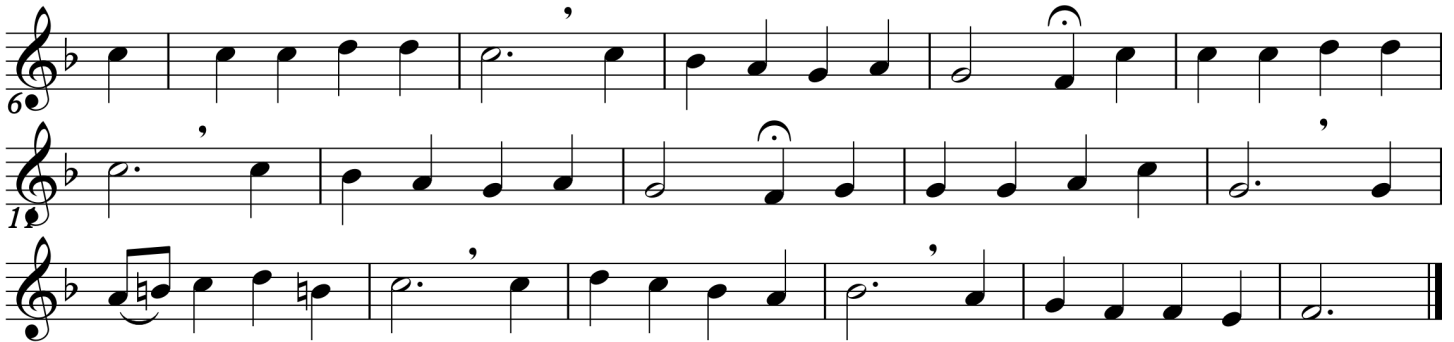
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully present in both.

During communion, the cantor will sing

After communion all stand

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:**

**the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.**

Martin Rinkart 1586–1649
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827–78 alt.
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Tune: Nun danket alle Gott (TiS 106 (i))

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

SEPTEMBER ROSTER

Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
13 th Sept	Will	Lindy	Fr Ken	Deba	Gary
20 th Sept	Deba	Fr Glenn	Deba	Fr Ken	Gary
27 th Sept	Mandy	Jenny	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Geoffrey

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 seminars will follow Morning Tea on the following dates: 6, 20, 27 September, 4 October. Nb. There is no seminar today due to a Parish Council meeting.

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 work will commence on site on 28 September. It will involve three weeks of work on site, after the stone is cut and dressed off-site. This 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.

MICHAELMAS EVENSONG 27 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 27 September at 4pm we will again enjoy the visiting “ad hoc” choir assembled by Will Fellows as they sing another stunning service of Choral Evensong for the feast of St Michael and All Angels. This year will be a special treat, as we will be joined by our “newly-minted” area bishop, Megan Curlis-Gibson. As well as being a beautiful time of worship, this will be an excellent occasion to meet the new bishop. Do make a note in your diary, and invite family and friends.

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

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CHORAL EVENSONG

**For the feast of
St Michael and All Angels**

4pm

Sunday 27 September 2026



***A choir of some of Melbourne's finest choral
singers, under the direction of Will Fellows
Preacher: Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson***

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 the Anglican church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In Australia we pray for Ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People. In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of Croydon, and for bishops-designate Megan Curlis-Gibson, Ben Wong and Nigel Pope.

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, Fr David Connelly & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-terms 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.

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

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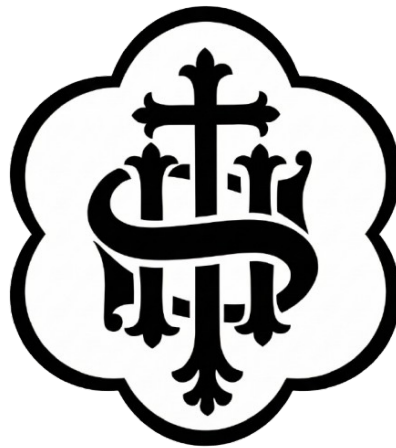
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Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

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