

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



"On the road to Emmaus" – Duccio

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am**

**19 April 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**

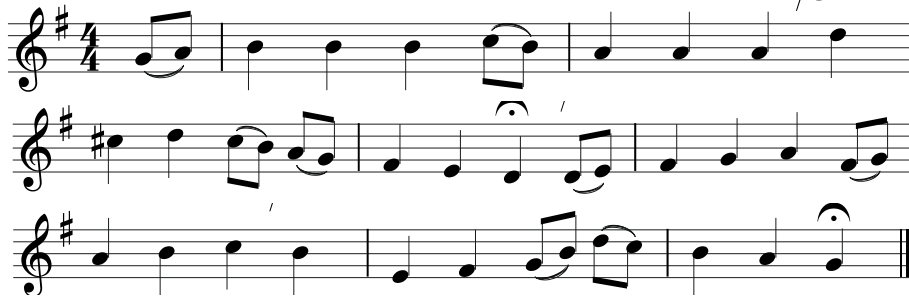
Monday-Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer.  
Saturday 9.30am Eucharist for feast of St Mark

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# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand when the entrance bell is rung*



**Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
your daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay your morning sacrifice:**

**Glory to you that safely kept  
and have refreshed me while I slept;  
grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake  
I may of endless light partake.**

**Lord, I my vows to you renew;  
disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with yourself my spirit fill.**

**Direct, control, suggest, this day  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in your sole glory may unite.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God, all creatures here below,  
praise God above, you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken 1637–1711 *alt.*  
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Tune: Morning hymn. TiS 557

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.

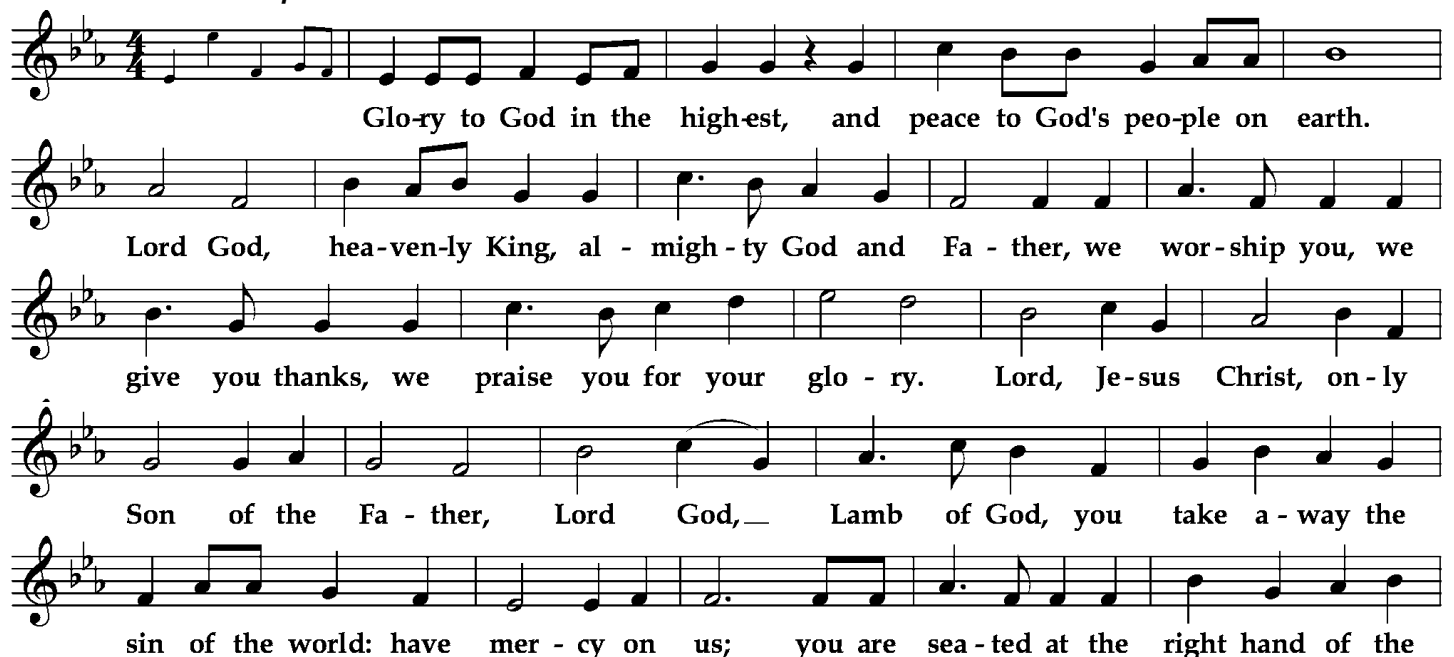
**Christ, have mercy**

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*

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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

3.14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## Psalm 116

### Response:

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord  
in the land of the liv - ing.

I love the Lord who has heard my prayer, who bends down to hear my call. The cords of death entangled me: the grip of the grave took hold of me. Then I called on the name of the Lord, “I beg you, save my soul!” Our Lord is gracious and just, our God is merciful. **Response**

How can I repay the Lord for the goodness done for me? The cup of salvation I raise, and call on the name of the Lord. To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. How precious the death of the saints, those who remain faithful to God! **Response**

Lord God, I am your slave, the child of a faithful mother. You have loosed my bonds, you have set me free. **Response**

A sacrifice of thanks I bring and call on your name. To the Lord I will pay my vows before all the people. **Response**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of God. In the midst of Jerusalem. Alleluia! **Response**

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A reading from the first letter of Peter

1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have

been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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.**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*24.13-35*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have

declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

*All sit*

*Sermon – Fr Ken Letts*

*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:*



**Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
no, let us be your guests and with you dine;  
at your own table now be manifest  
in your own sacrament of bread and wine.**

**We meet as in that upper room they met;  
now at the table, blessing, yet you stand:  
'This is my body': this you give us yet;  
faith still receives the cup as from your hand.**

**One body we, one body who partake,  
one church united in communion blest;  
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,  
with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.**

**One with each other, Lord, for one in you,  
who are one Saviour and one living head;**

open our eyes to see with vision true;  
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

George Wallace Briggs 1875–1959 *alt.*  
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Tune: Song 24. TiS 524

*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**



**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.  
Re-born, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing  
Alleluia!**

John Brownlow Geyer 1932–  
Words © J. B. Geyer  
Tune: Engelberg. TiS 489

*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

### APRIL ROSTER

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Intercession s	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Fr Glenn	Fr Ken	Deba	Geoffrey	Charles
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Deba	Geoffrey	Fr Craig	Charles	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 26 April, 3 & 17 May.

Discover more about these foundational “creation” texts, and the complexity of the early narratives in Genesis. All are welcome.

# Blessing of Animals



*You are invited, together with your companion animals, to a special service giving thanks for the gifts of God's creation. There will be a short outdoor service of blessing at 9.30am (weather-permitting), followed by a procession into the church for the Parish Eucharist, to which all are welcome, including your pets.*

*(Please ensure that all animals are appropriately restrained in order to ensure there are no "incidents"....)*

**Sunday 26 April**

**"Good Shepherd Sunday"**

**9.30am**

**Christ Church**

**14 Acland Street, St Kilda**

## 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 in the province of Myanmar (Burma). In Australia we pray for the diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk). In this diocese for the parishes of the deanery of Port Phillip.

### **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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