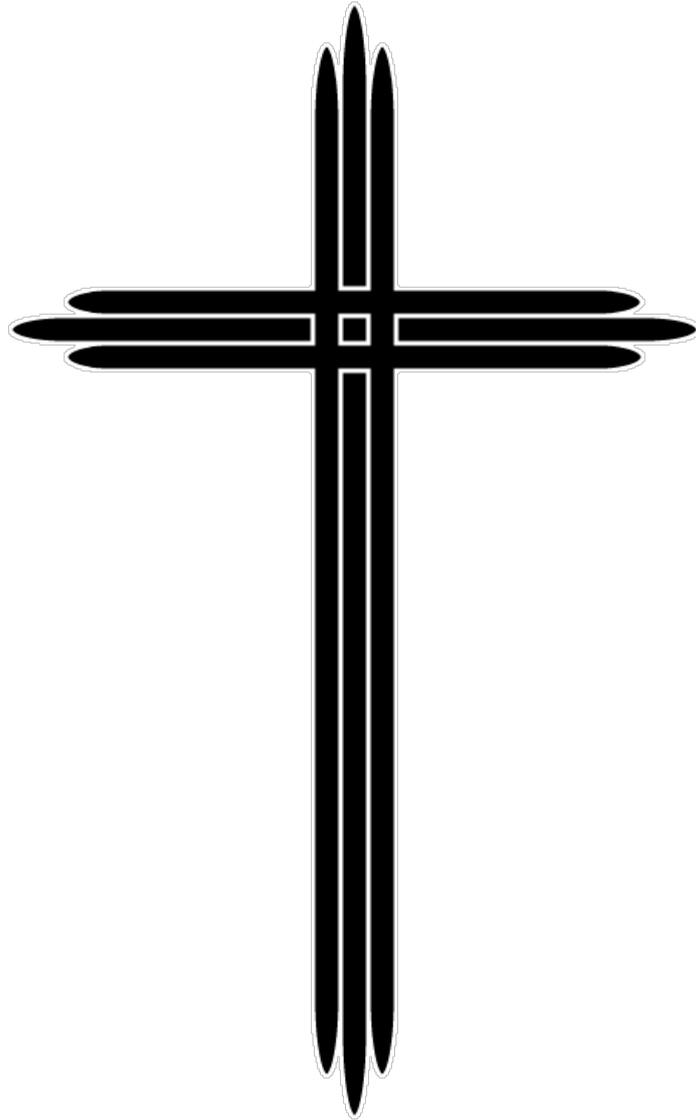


*Welcome to*  
**CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA**  
*YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME*



**The Second Sunday of Lent**

**1 March 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, Tuesday – Morning Prayer  
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*



**The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
the Lord, the great I AM  
by earth and heaven confessed!  
We bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blessed.**

**The God of Abraham praise,  
whose all-sufficient grace  
shall guide us all our happy days  
in all our ways.**

**He calls us each a friend,  
he calls himself our God;  
and he shall save us to the end  
through Jesus' blood.**

**He by himself has sworn,  
we on his oath depend:  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.**

**The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,  
'almighty King!'**

**Who was and is the same  
and evermore shall be,  
the Lord, our Father, great I AM  
eternally.**

**The whole triumphant host  
gives thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'  
they ever cry.**

**Hail, Abraham's God and ours!  
with heaven our songs we raise:  
all might and majesty are yours,  
and endless praise.**

*Thomas Olivers 1725–99 alt. b based on the Jewish Yigdal c.13th cent. and Revelation 4 and 5  
Tune: Leoni. TiS 125*

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*

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

12.1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

**Psalm 121**  
*(remain seated)*



**I to the hills will lift my eyes;  
from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone,  
who heaven and earth has made.**

**God will not let your foot be moved;  
your guardian never sleeps;  
God's watchful and unslumbering care  
protects and safely keeps.**

**Your faithful keeper is the Lord,  
your shelter and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,  
you shall not be afraid.**

**From evil God will keep you safe,  
provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in,  
God will forever lead.**

Scottish Psalter. Tune: Dundee

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law,

neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 John

3.1-17

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it

comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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**

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*

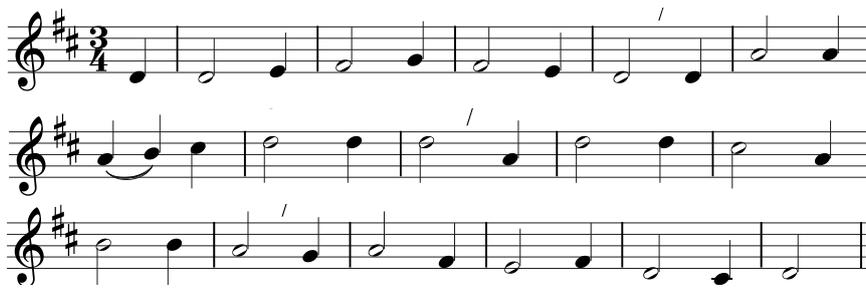
We are the body of Christ.

**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 love how deep, how broad, how high!  
it fills the heart with ecstasy  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place  
but wore the robe of human frame  
himself, and to this lost world came.**

**For us he was baptized, and bore  
his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.**

**For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us at length gave up his breath.**

**For us he rose from death again,  
for us he went on high to reign,  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**

**To him whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through his Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.**

Attrib. Thomas à Kempis 1379–1471 *tr.* Benjamin Webb 1819–85 *alt.*  
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Tune: Puer nobis nascitur. TiS 194

*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.*

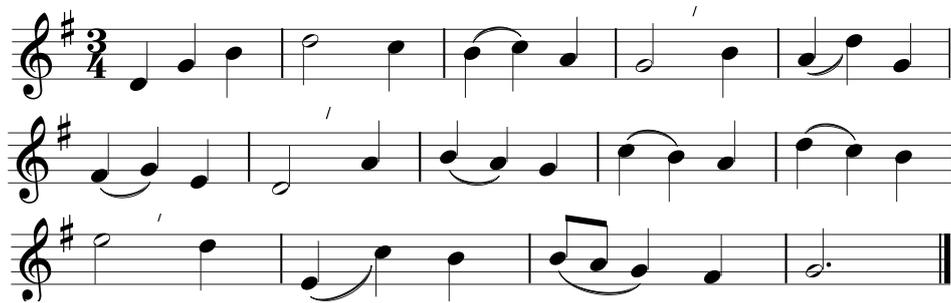
*During communion, the cantor will sing.*

*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**



**Fill my whole life, O Lord my God,  
in every part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
your being and your ways.**

**Not for the lip of praise alone  
nor ev'n the praising heart  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in every part:**

**praise in the common things of life,  
its goings out and in;  
praise in each duty and each deed,  
however small and mean.**

**Fill every part of me with praise:  
let all my being speak  
of you and of your love, O Lord,  
poor though I be and weak.**

**So shall you, Lord, receive from me  
the praise and glory due;  
and so shall I begin on earth  
the song for ever new.**

**So shall no part of day and night  
from sacredness be free;  
but with you, Lord, in every step  
my fellowship will be.**

Horatius Bonar 1808–89 *alt.*  
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Tune: Richmond. TiS 596

*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
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**

**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** March 1, 15, 22

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

Fridays at 10am (in the CSF room)

**Thine is the kingdom: Living like Matthew.** March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Leader: Fr Ken Letts

## **NORTH TRANSEPT CHAPEL AND PRAYER SPACE**

The North Transept has now been converted into a chapel / prayer space. The icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been moved there, and there is now an opportunity to light a candle both in the St Michael Chapel, and in the new prayer space. Feedback on how the space works is most welcome, and we expect it to evolve over coming weeks.

## **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:**

We pray for ecumenical relationships, and a healing of divisions between Christians, praying for the World Council of Churches. Within Australia we pray for the primate, Bishop Mark Short. In this diocese for the assistant bishops Genieve, Kate and Paul.

### **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 – Roger Prowd, priest, 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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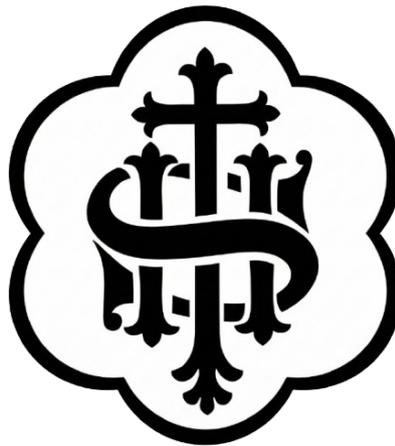
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