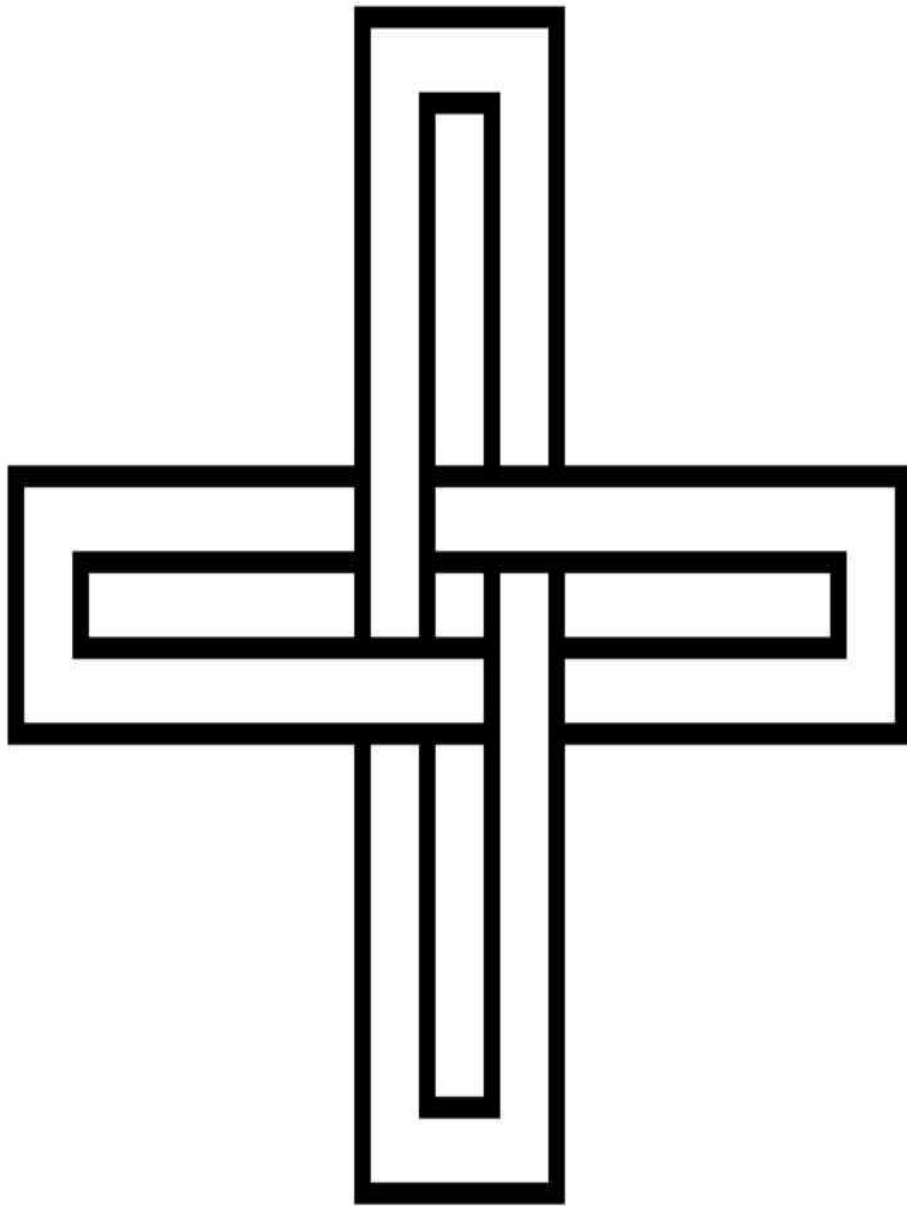


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am

5 October 2025

Setting: Christ Church Service – 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.*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

9.30am Thursday – Morning Prayer
Please note there will be no Morning Prayer
Monday-Wednesday during October

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off

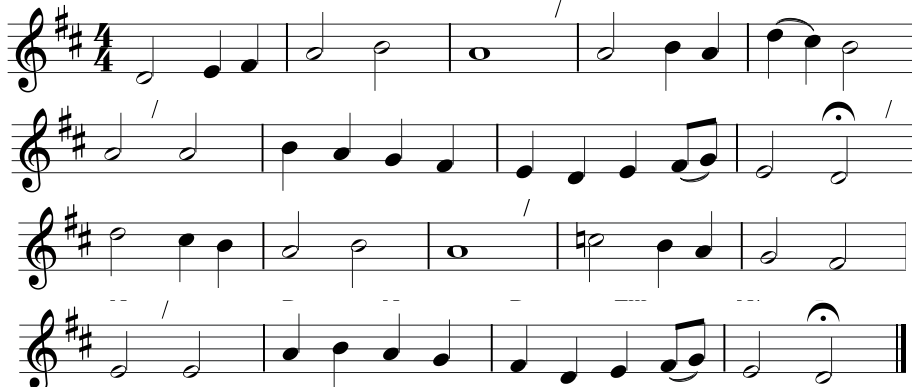
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity
my outer garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace
till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Bianco da Siena d.1434 *tr.* Richard Frederick Littledale 1833–90 *alt.*
Music from the *English Hymnal* by permission Oxford University Press
Tune: Down Ampney. TiS 398

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

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. mf Lord, have _ mer - cy, Lord, have _ mer - cy, mp Lord, have _ mer - cy." The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the second staff, *mf* (mezzo-forte) at the beginning of the fourth staff, and *mp* at the beginning of the fifth staff. There is also an *aecresc.* (crescendo) marking under the third staff. The music is a simple, flowing melody with some rests and slurs.

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 peo-ple on earth, *mf* Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - might - 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 -

- 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.

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 book of Lamentations

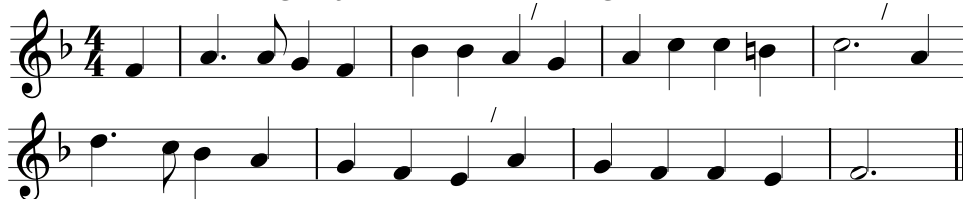
1.1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labour. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

Psalm 137

(sung by all, remaining seated)



**By rivers of cruel Babylon, there we sat down and wept;
When we remembered Zion's land—our home we'll not forget.
Upon the trees we hung our harps, for they demanded song;
Our captors, with triumphant scorn, said, "Sing songs of Zion."
How can we sing songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?
If I forget Jerusalem, let skill leave my right hand.
May my tongue cleave to my mouth's roof if I do not recall;
If I don't praise Jerusalem, my chief joy above all.**

*T&J Tenant
Tune: Westminster Old, TiS 299*

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Jesus Christ before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the

deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 word of the Lord stands for ever;
It is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

17.5-10

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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.**

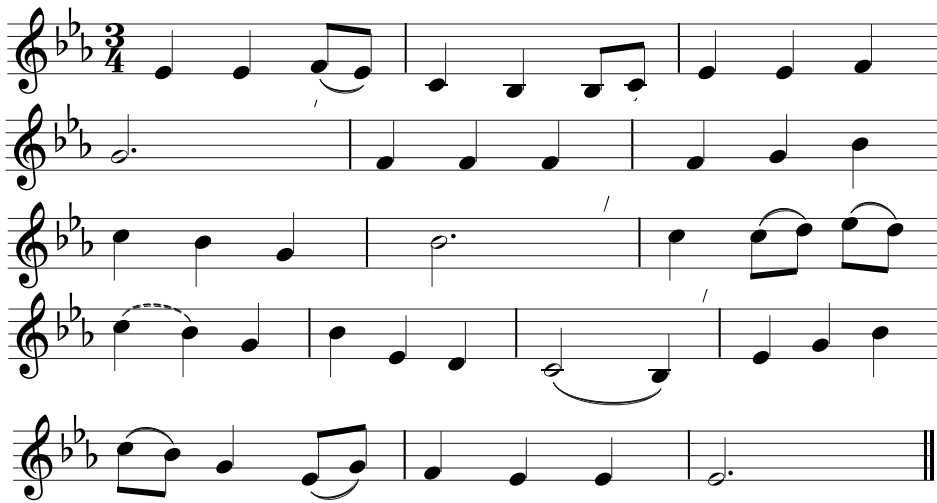
All stand

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:



**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven ward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

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.**

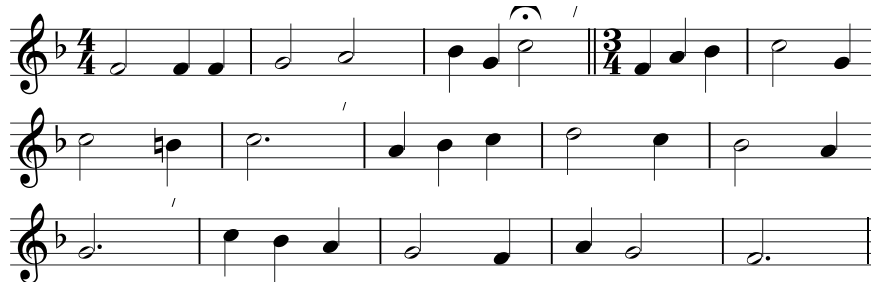
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the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



**Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
you, Lord, alone resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.**

**Each task your wisdom has assigned
still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.**

**You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,**

and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.

Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day;

for you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*
Tune: Song 34. TiS 571

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.*

OCTOBER ROSTER

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
5 th Oct	Bob	Valerie	Geoffrey	Deba	Charles
12 th Oct	Rachel	Deba	Deba	Charles	Rachel
19 th Oct	Geoffrey	Bob	Geoffrey	Valerie	Geoffrey
26 th Oct	Helen	Helen	Deba	Elisabeth	Gary

VICAR ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Craig will be away from the parish from 1-29 October inclusive. The locum will be Fr Ken, assisted by Fr Glenn. Please direct urgent pastoral matters to the locum clergy. For general parish matters, please contact the churchwardens on 0435152199.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For peace throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Palestine and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. Relief and peace in places of civil strife and unrest.

For the Church:

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania (Abp Maimbo Mndolwa) and in Australia for the Diocese of Willochra (Bp Jeremy James). In this diocese for Archbishop-elect Ric Thorpe, for Bp Genieve, Diocesan Administrator, and for the Parish of St George's Malvern (Gregory Seach).

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: Gaye, Josie, Lee, Robyne, Annette & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-term needs for prayer: Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Charles, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Fran, 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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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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