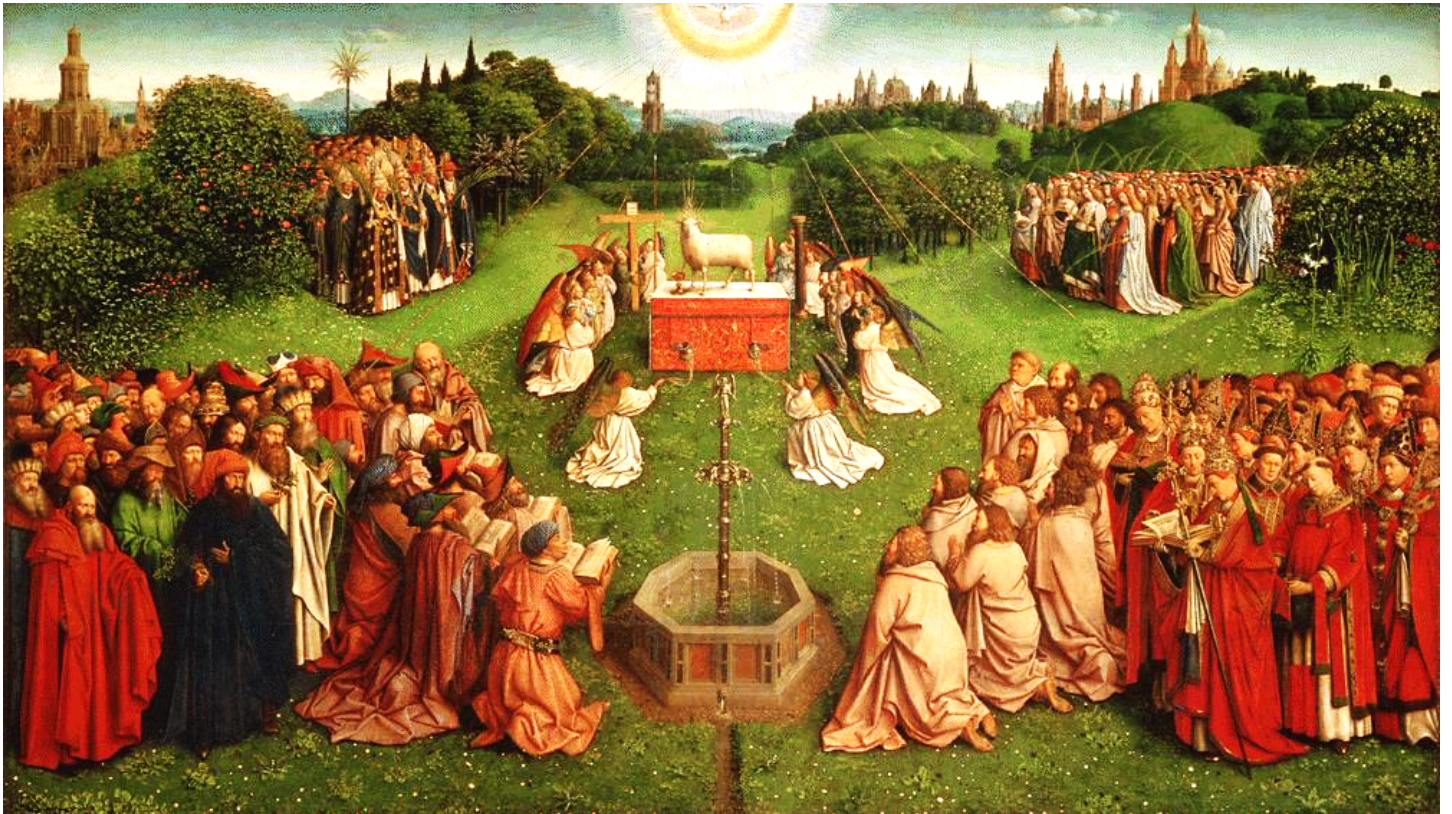


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The adoration of the Lamb (Ghent altarpiece – detail) – Jan van Eyck.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am

25 May 2025

Setting: Dudman

*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.*

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.

THIS WEEK AT 9.30AM

Monday to Wednesday – Morning Prayer

Thursday – Ascension Day Eucharist

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 day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God:
from death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his greeting
may hear, so calm and strong,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victors' song.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful
and earth her song repeat,
the whole world shout in triumph
her living Lord to greet;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.**

John of Damascus c.675–749 *tr.*
John Mason Neale 1818–66 *alt.*
Tune: Ellacombe. TiS 361

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.

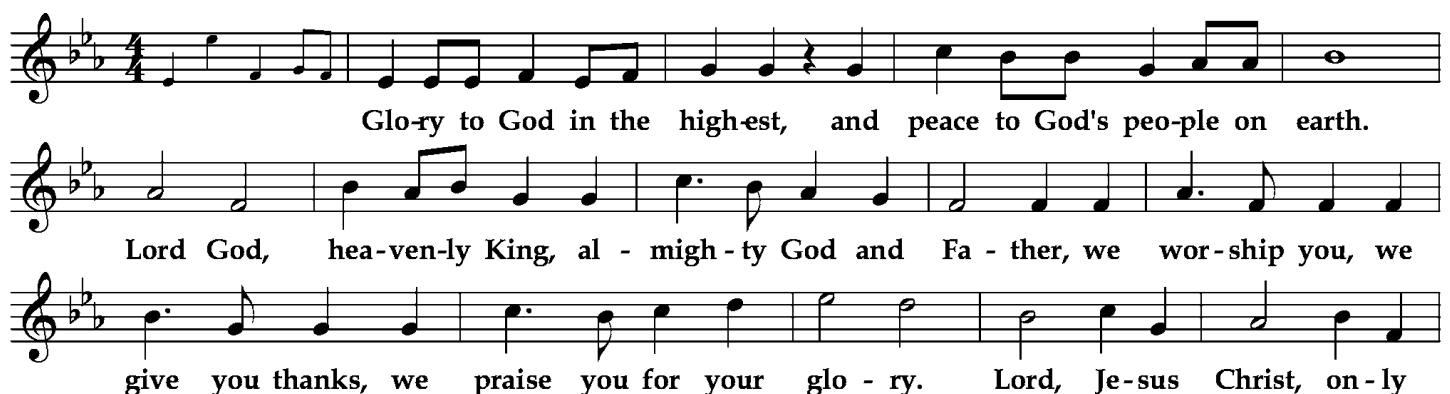
Christ, have mercy

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



The celebrant reads the prayer of the day

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant that we may walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; 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 Acts of the Apostles

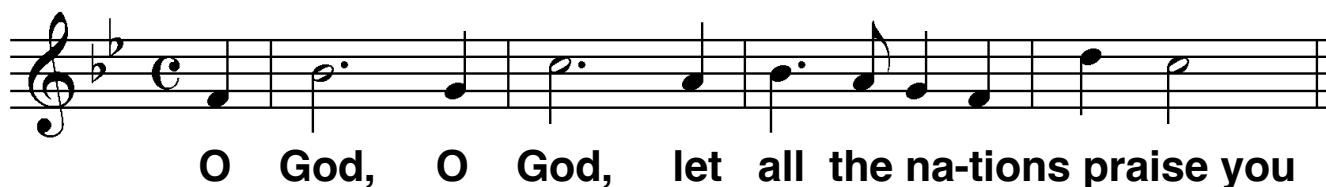
16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 67

Response:



O God, be gracious to us and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **Response.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **Response.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing til the ends of the earth revere him. **Response.**

Gelineau

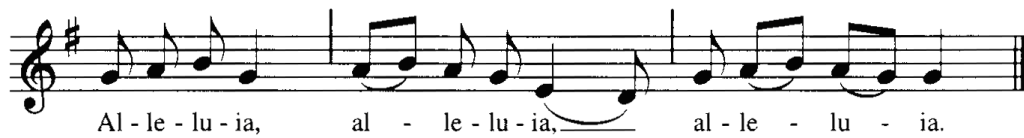
A reading from the Revelation to St John

21:10, 22-22.5.

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

14.23-29

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

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.**

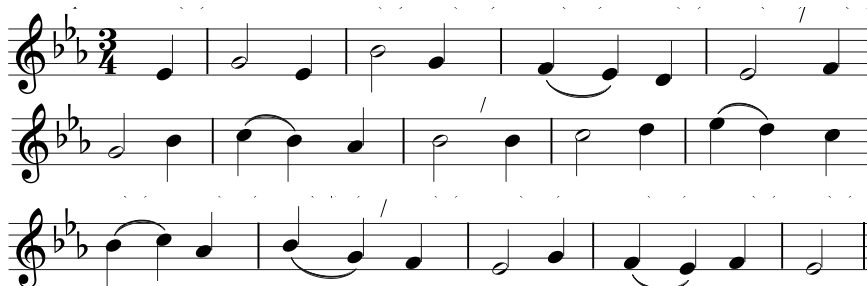
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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:



**O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**

**As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,**

so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.

As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest–tossed be stilled.

And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926–

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Tune: St Botolph. TiS 254

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.**

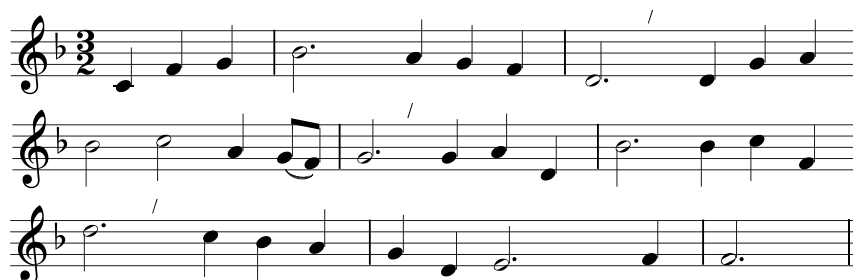
Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the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

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



**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring;
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–
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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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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!

NOTICES

ROSTER

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
25 th May	Sandra	Will C	Geoffrey	Geoffrey	Gary



Join us for a sumptuous

MID-WINTER FEAST

in the candle-lit ambiance of Christ Church St Kilda

Raising funds for the renewal of the mission of the church

Friday 20 June, 6 for 6.30pm

\$95 per head

Sparkling on arrival; BYO wine and other drinks

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBSVJ>

WORKSHOPS ON THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Over the remainder of this year there will be a series of workshops offered after Morning Tea, to encourage us to think about what we do, why, and how. The second workshop, on serving at the altar, starts today. Anyone is welcome to attend, but especially if you are a newer member of the parish and interested in contributing to this important area of what we do on Sundays.

Serving at the altar

An opportunity to find out what goes on “up there”, to ask questions, and – if you’re interested – to be trained in how to assist.

Sundays 25 May and 1 June

RESTORATION APPEAL – EOFY GIVING

As the end of the financial year draws near, you may be considering causes towards which you can make a tax-deductable donation. The Christ Church St Kilda Restoration Appeal, through the National Trust of Victoria, is an excellent way to assist the parish in the ongoing work to restore the magnificent building we all enjoy. Cheques should be made out to “National Trust of Australia (Vic) - Christ Church St Kilda appeal” and accompanied by one of the giving forms available at the rear of the church. Please pass cheques to one of the churchwardens rather than posting them direct to the Trust, to ensure timely banking and issue of receipts. Alternately, to give online, go to <https://www.givenow.com.au/christchurchdtkildarestoration/> (Yes, we know the address appears to have a typo, but it is correct!)

ARE YOU TRAVELLING?

We are entering the time of year where a number of parishioners escape the Melbourne winter for a period of time. It is helpful to know when people are going away, so that others need not be concerned that you are absent. If you have travels planned, please consider letting Fr Craig know your “away dates.”

PENTECOST - SUNDAY 8 JUNE

On Pentecost, Bp Kate Prowd will visit and will administer the rite of Confirmation. There will be a celebratory extended Morning Tea to follow. All are encouraged to bring something to share.

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For the renewal of the ceasefires between Israel, Hamas and Hezbollah, praying for the people of Palestine, Lebanon and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia. Relief and peace for the people of Sudan and South Sudan.

For the Church:

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya (Bp Jackson Ole Sapit). In this diocese for Bp Genieve, Diocesan Administrator and the diocesan leadership (and the members of the election synod, if still meeting...), and for the parish of All Souls, Sandringham (Jeremy Watson).

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: Alan Koschade.

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

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