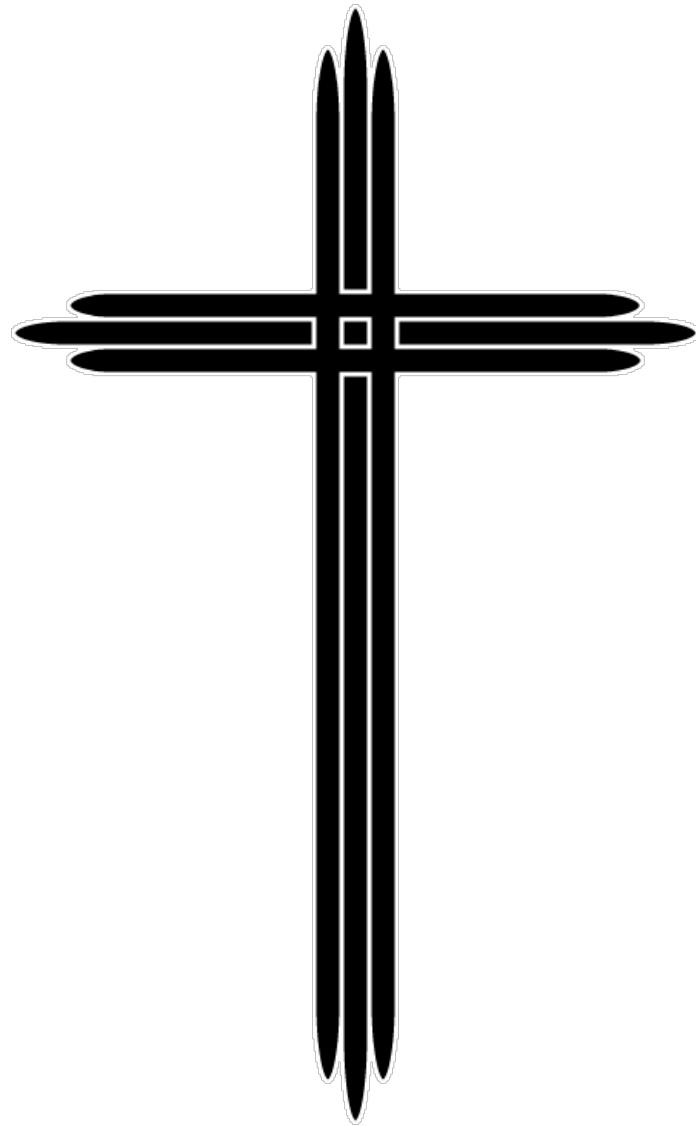


*Welcome to*  
**CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA**  
*YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME*



**The First Sunday of Lent**

**9 March 2024**

**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 – No service (public holiday)*

*Tuesday – Morning Prayer*

*Wednesday – Eucharist*

*Thursday – Morning Prayer*

*Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off*

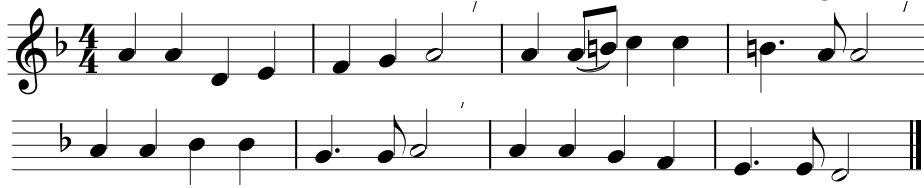
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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand when the entrance bell is rung*



**Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:**

**let us your endurance share  
and from earthly greed abstain,  
with you watching unto prayer,  
with you strong to suffer pain.**

**And if Satan on us press  
flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fail.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by your side,  
that with you we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

*George Hunt Smyttan 1822–70 and Francis Pott 1832–1909 alt. TIS 591*

Blessed be 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

4                      *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*

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey your godly will in righteousness and true holiness; to your honour and glory, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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 Deuteronomy

26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## Psalm 91



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: “My Refuge, my strong hold, my God in whom I trust!” **Response**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you he has commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

### **Response**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **Response**

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: “I am with you.” I will save him in distress and give him glory. **Response**

*Gelineau p.23*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

10.8b-13

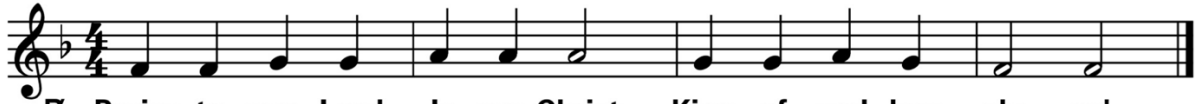
But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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 Luke

4.1-13

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me,  
my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**

**Still let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
and tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,**

the murmurs of self-will;  
Lord, speak to reassure me,  
to chasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.

Lord, let me see your footmarks  
and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly  
and in your strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode 1816–74 *alt.*  
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*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

5 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.**

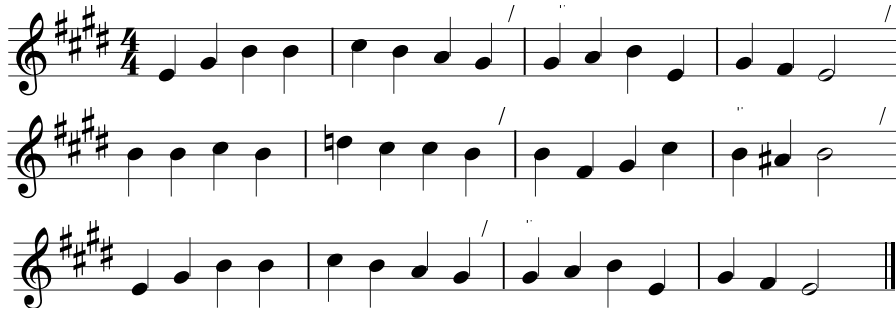
*Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive 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  
“When human voices cannot 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



**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe:  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

James Edmeston 1791–1867  
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*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 MARCH**

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sandra	Geoffrey	Geoffrey	Valerie	Charles
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Lindy	Fr Glenn	Fr Ken	Elisabeth	Gary
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Valerie	Duncan	Fr Craig	Geoffrey	Valerie

## **NOTICES**

### **LENT, HOLY WEEK, EASTER**

Please take a copy of the Lent, Holy Week, Easter brochure, outlining services, groups and events. Take extras if you think family or friends might also like to know about what is planned.

### **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

**The Anglican Prayer Book Tradition**

March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

Fridays at 10am

**Dr Luke's Casebook: Journey to Jerusalem**

7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4, 11 April

Leader: Fr Ken Letts

## **BUILDING WORKS**

Scaffolding has now been erected in the St Michael Chapel to facilitate the removal of the window for restoration, and the repair of the stone corbels. The scaffold will remain in place for some months. During this time, weekday services will take place either at the high altar or the main altar.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **For the World:**

For the maintenance and expansion 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.

### **For the Church:**

In the world-wide Community of Faith, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada (Bp Anne Germond). We pray for the diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short), and in this diocese for the Parish of St John's, Frankston North w. St Luke's, Carrum Downs (David Sullivan, Cheryl Sullivan); Bp Genieve, Diocesan Administrator, and for the members of the Board of Nominators as they prepare for the election synod.

### **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, Sophie, Josie, Judy, Hugh, Lee, Robyne & 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.

### **For the Departed:**

those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Eleanor Purvis, Sonny Abraham, Joan Margaret Sutherland.

*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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