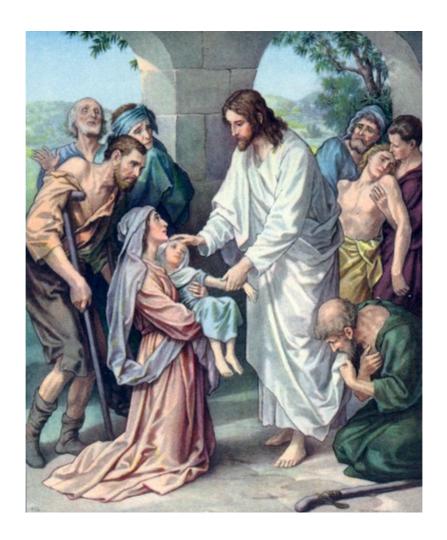
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA Acland St, St Kilda

Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the Yalu-kut Wilam 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.

3rd Sunday After Epiphany Australia Day Sunday 26 January 2020



11am Informal Eucharist

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4: 23

HYMN

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

> We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Repeat Verse 1

Karen Lafferty (1972). Word and music by permission Maranatha Music. (*TiS No. 745*) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsBpM9IcBts

The Penitential Rite

In the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

Let us pray.

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

RECONCILIATION WITH GOD

Confession and Absolution

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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.**

Let us pray.

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,

whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bounteous God,

we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land, a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood.

We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

Give thanks to God

This is a time when people may share a recent experience they have had of God in their lives, or just give thanks to God for something. Please respect people's privacy and dignity when sharing.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

A Church Divided Over Leaders

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul" another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 4: 12 - 25 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon, with discussion

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During this time, everyone is welcome to pray either aloud or silently. It is also an opportunity to ask for prayer for yourself or someone else. The Intercessor will lead and conclude the prayers.

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7: 14

Though Christ has called us into one body, the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore confess our brokenness, confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

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.**

Accept our prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who taught us 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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

HYMN

The Lord is my light

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.

The Lord is my light, the rock of my salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.

The Lord is my light, the rock of my salvation: in him I trust, in him I trust.

Jacques Berthier (1923-94) Taizé Community (1978) (TiS No. 747). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r64gcGMNhDE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hk7 pJo6uWA

The Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise, be yours now and always,
Lord of every time and place,
God beyond our dreaming.

We give you thanks that from the beginning of time, your Spirit has brooded over this ancient land.

In the fullness of time you revealed your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

We give you thanks that in him you have revealed to us your presence in the vastness of this land, your love in its fruitfulness, and your purpose in its cycles of death and renewed life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

> Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,

he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

Together, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever.

With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes. As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing and honour and glory and power are your for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body **for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,
you have created all humanity in your image and likeness,
and have revealed your plan and purpose
in calling us your friends and family.
As we have shared this holy meal,
inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child
given the dignity and value which is your purpose and your gift;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Lyric and Melody – Daniel Schutte (TiS 658) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4t6mz8yoocY

The Blessing

God of this ancient land,
through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us
grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Readings for next Sunday
Feast of
the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sunday 2 February 2020
First Reading: Hebrews 2: 14 - 18
Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 22 - 40