

## CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

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*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the  
Yaluk-ut 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.*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday  
Sunday 16 May 2021*



### **11am Gathering for Fellowship**

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Welcome and Greeting

#### *The Greeting of Peace.*

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ us risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## 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.*

**Music            Alleluia! Sing To Jesus**

#### *Sentence*

'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.' says the Lord. Mark 16: 15

#### *Confession and Absolution*

Let us pray.

**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 us and set us free from all our sins,  
strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

Eternal God,  
by raising Jesus from the dead  
you proclaimed his victory,  
and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all:  
lift up our hearts to heaven,  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen**

**Music**

**Majesty**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### *First Reading*

*Acts 1: 1-11*

Jesus taken up into heaven

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptised with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but in a few days you will be baptised with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

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

## *The Gospel Reading*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel according to *Mark 16: 15-20*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on people who are ill, and they will get well.'

<sup>19</sup> After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

## *Discussion*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*During this time of prayer, everyone is welcomed to pray either aloud or in silence. It is also an opportunity to ask for prayer for yourself and/or someone else. The Intercessor will lead and conclude the prayers.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them,  
that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand  
not only what you do on our behalf,  
but what you call us to do so that your realm  
will come to fruition in glory. **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.**

## *Concluding Prayers*

Let us pray:

Gracious God, guide us in the path of discipleship,  
so that, as you have blessed us,  
we may be a blessing for others,  
bringing the promise of the kingdom near  
by our words and deeds. **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.**

## *The Blessing*

May 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.**

## *The Dismissal*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life. **Thanks be to God**

**Music**     **Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord**

## Songs for the Services

### **Alleluia! Sing To Jesus** (Alleluia Sing To Jesus)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
'Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.'

Alleluia! not as orphans,  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! king eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

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## **Majesty**

Majesty, worship his majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory,  
power and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from his throne unto his own,  
His anthem raise.

So exult, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify,  
Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty.  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.

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## **Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord**

*Refrain.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation.

*Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live for ever.

*Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward: 'Life for us all, alleluia.

*Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

*Refrain.*

*Composed by Donald E. Fishel, (1950-), 1973; arr. Betty Pulkingham, (1928- The  
Word of God. (TiS No. 390). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>*



**Readings for Next Week**  
**Sunday 23 May 2021: Day of Pentecost**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2: 1-21  
**Gospel Reading:** John 16: 4-15

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