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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Don't forget Daylight savings end this weekend. Put your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Today the Eucharist will be celebrated at 8.00am and will be live via Facebook and will be available later on our YouTube channel.

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Dear Friends,

I must begin by thanking all those involved in the production of our Livestream liturgies. Leighton and Alistair both gave a great deal of time, effort and care into the filming and production of last week's celebration. Ross (Davidson) edited the sound and vision to create a high quality offering on our newly formed *YouTube* channel, thank you Brian for opening that for us. A link to the channel will be found on our Parish website. I hope that you are able to get access to these offerings and find in them *one* of the means to nurture your life of faith in this sacred season, despite these disconcerting times.

Today we celebrate a Festival that has been given different names over the centuries. I have taken to calling it Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion because I think it describes the dual focus of the liturgy or perhaps liturgies - the processional arrival of Jesus through the city gates of Jerusalem to sounds of joy and singing and his departure to the sounds of hatred and lament. It is for good reason that today, if we were able to gather, we would celebrate a liturgy of palms *and* a liturgy of the Passion. I hope you can imagine in your minds eye our gathering outside the church and the procession inside 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' and our departure in silence as we begin Holy Week having heard the account of the Passion from St Matthew (26:14- 27:66). Because of our circumstances our liturgical worship is 'slimmed down'. But nonetheless we can still enter into the drama of these the most important days in the Church's calendar.

I am endeavouring to keep in contact with as many of you as possible and I know other folk are keeping in touch with each other via phone text etc. If you have any concerns, cares or requests for prayer please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Blessings

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Introit

The children of the Hebrews,
carrying palms and olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

Prayer of the day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

- ⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
- ⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- ⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-18

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

**10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

**18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The gospel according to Matthew (21:1-11)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went

ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Reflection

The King on a Donkey

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate the occasion when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the crowd shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Prophets had foretold that there would be a son of David who would be a righteous king over his people. God himself told King David, "Your throne will be established forever" ([2 Sam 7:16](#)). And Zechariah foretold that this promised king would come to his people riding on a donkey ([Zechariah 9:9](#)).

The crowd around Jesus had seen the miracles he did, and they thought he might be that promised righteous messianic son of David. So, when they saw Jesus headed to Jerusalem on a donkey, they cried hosanna to their king.

And you can see why they did. It is a wonderful thing to live in a country governed by a righteous ruler. All those subject to his reign are blessed by living in a community where justice is in power.

But don't we need a reality check here?

It has been a very long time since anyone from any family was a king of Israel, hasn't it? And in which country on earth does justice rule? So where then is that divinely promised, everlasting righteous kingship of the Davidic line? What is there, after all, to yell "hosanna" about?

But God's promise to David is true, even so.

Christ, who is a son of David, is a righteous king; and his kingship *is* forever. Only, he makes his way into his kingdom riding on a donkey.

Wouldn't a king want to ride on a horse? On a stallion? A donkey is a ludicrous beast. Why would a king want to ride on a donkey?

But the donkey helps us see the point. This king is riding to the cross. His title to be king is blazoned on a sign at its top. No one needs a stallion for a journey with crucifixion at its end. For this purpose, a donkey is perfectly fine.

And so the divine promises about the Davidic king are true. There is an everlasting kingdom of justice. But it is not of this world, as Christ explains to Pilate. In this world, the king of justice rides on a donkey, and the cross is at the heart of true and righteous kingship.

Eleonore Stump

Prayers

Let us pray for the Church and for the world:

For peace in our world, in Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen
for the peace of Jerusalem.

For those who work for justice and peace,
For the United Nations
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the World Health Organisation
and all working for the elimination of Covid19.
For poverty stricken nations and those

least able to control the virus.

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For our own nation, for health professionals,
for those who make laws, and administer them,
for all working to protect the health and well being
of the most vulnerable, that our common life
may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
for the homeless and unemployed
for those in homes marred by violence, crime and addiction.
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the Church and all for Christian people,
that during this sacred time we may
rediscover our unity in the crucified and risen Christ
and so be a sacrament of faith, hope and love
to our divided world.
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are most in need,
those who have sought our prayers,
Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziel, Sam Mahony,
Ben Haseler, Hugh Gulliver, Barry Johnson
and all suffering from the effects of the Pandemic.
We pray for healing and health of mind, body and spirit for all.
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

We pray that we, with the saints of every generation
may find mercy in the day of Christ.

We pray especially for David Lineker (29/3/1996) and Suzanne Lewis (2/4/1999) whose
anniversaries of death occur at this time
and for all who died recently.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

A prayer of spiritual Communion

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread
which came down from Heaven.

Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.

That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence
and from your Body, gathered;

I may know the peace and joy of communion with you
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,
strengthen my hope,
kindle my love,
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

Calendar @ St Philip's

Friday 10 April	10am	Good Friday Service – streamed live on <i>Facebook</i> , then will be available on <i>YouTube</i>
Sunday 12 April	10am	Easter Day Eucharist - streamed live on <i>Facebook</i> , then will be available on <i>YouTube</i>
Sunday 12 April	4pm -6pm	Easter Day Happy Hour online – catchup with other Parishioners in our <i>Zoom</i> session. Here's the link to join St Philip's Happy Hour online
Friday 17 April	5pm -7pm	Happy Hour online , for those who wish to catch up. Use link above. This will continue weekly, while we are unable to gather together in person
Sunday 19 April	8am	Weekly Eucharist – streamed live on <i>Facebook</i> , then will be available on <i>YouTube</i> . This will continue weekly, while we are unable to gather together in person

News

The **Parish Council** met during the week in a teleconference (*Zoom*). Here are the **Key Points** discussed at the meeting:

- 📌 In accordance with Government and Diocesan directions, St. Philips church and other church premises are now locked. Access is only permitted for the Sunday streaming service (limited to the celebrants and technical support), for administration and for cleaning and care and maintenance purposes.
- 📌 Outreach to The Sir Leslie Morshead Manor and to Canberra Aged Care has necessarily been suspended.
- 📌 Parish Council can no longer meet in church premises and will continue to use *Zoom* for its meetings.
- 📌 Communication over what is likely to be quite a long period will be very important. The weekly Pewsheet will continue. The Pastoral Care network is expanding and increasing its contacts. The website is as ever an important point of contact and information and Parish Council is discussing what other ways there might be to keep our community together.
- 📌 Covid-19 will result in further strain on the Parish budget. Expenditure on the stipend, utilities, insurance, maintenance etc. has to continue. Cleaning is now on a monthly rather than weekly basis. Over the colder months there will be some savings on heating.
- 📌 On the income side, without church services there is of course no plate collection. For this reason, Martin has encouraged parishioners who have not done so to set in place electronic giving through their banking institution. For ease of reference the electronic giving details are:
EFT details: Account Name –St Philip's Anglican Church
BSB Number: 702-389
Account No: 05202512
Reference/description: St Phil Offering

📖 We realise this may not be possible for some. Posting your giving in the form of cheques, on say a monthly basis, is an alternative – to:

St. Philips Anglican Church
PO Box 6022
O'Connor ACT 2602

📖 The Kindergarten continues to operate as a separate entity. If, however the Kindergarten were at some point required to close, the loss of rental income would be a significant hit to the Parish Budget. The Kindergarten rent covers more than 20% of our operating costs.

📖 To reiterate – ***the buildings are closed; the church is open*** (operating). Please reach out to Martin or others if you need assistance or wish to talk.



Thank you to those who liked, shared or made comments on last Sunday's Eucharist live streamed on our Facebook page. If you managed to worship via the live stream or on our YouTube Channel, please let us know how we might improve this project to enable you to engage as fully as possible.



I been asking our folk what they have found useful for their spiritual nourishment. Don't forget the Lenten study that we embarked on together. Many of you purchased a book, I hope you are finding it both challenging and encouraging. If you didn't buy a booklet you can read it online at:

https://imags.com.au/published/where_do_we_go_from_here/14/

I hope you are finding something to nurture your faith in these days of Lent Holy Week and Easter. In the coming weeks we may plan a post-Easter study and gather using Zoom.



From the Bishop:

The latest in my weekly reflections on the Gospel reading for this Sunday is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORvmpFoOAY4>

There is also a link to the video on the Diocesan website on the 'Keep Connected at a Distance' page: <https://anglicancg.org.au/keep-connected/>

Yours in the Risen Jesus, +Mark



This 'News' section of the pew sheet is available if you have any news for the wider parish. During this time where we are trying to isolate ourselves as much as possible please send your news to

comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au



We hope those of you who logged in, enjoyed our **Happy Hour online** on Friday evening. We would like to continue offering these sessions so parishioners can see each other and catch up.

Our next Happy Hour Online will be **Easter Day, Sunday 12 April, 4pm – 6pm**. Then **every Friday 5pm – 7pm, starting Friday 17 April**

Here's the link to join each time, please save or bookmark it.

[St Philip's Happy Hour online](#)



Can I encourage those of you with computers, smart phones, tablets etc. to join us, it easy to use and free.



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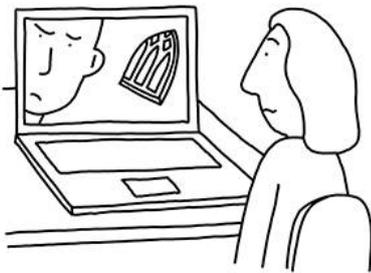
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Thank you.

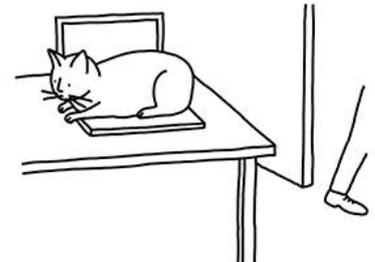
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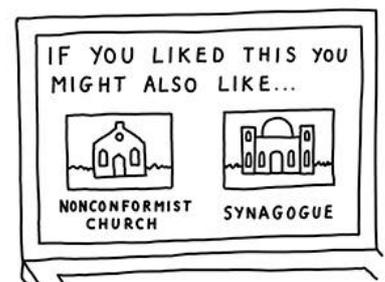
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A BIT OF SHUT-EYE



THE REALISATION
THAT THIS WAS LAST
WEEK'S EPISODE



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FUTURE VIEWING