



# St Philip's *Come & See*

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## Sunday 12 April 2020

### *Easter Sunday*

**Today the Eucharist will be celebrated at 10.00am and will be live via Facebook and can also be viewed later on our YouTube channel.**

**If you use Facebook, please ensure you *like* and *follow* our page so you receive notifications.**

Dear Friends

"*Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!*" "Christ [is] risen! Truly, [Christ is] risen"! This is our cry today and it is a more poignant cry than ever as we look longingly to the time when our present travail will be past. In the creed which we recite every Sunday we claim to 'look for the resurrection...' I hope that during this time we will do just that. Look for signs of resurrection life around us. It is too easy to be immersed in the bad news that seems to flood our lives, we need to actively, intentionally 'look for the resurrection.' Signs are there but we need to look for them and we should proclaim and celebrate them!

The metaphysical poet John Donne wrote, "As sickness is the greatest misery, so the greatest misery of sickness is solitude." Whatever practices of social quarantine we undertake, we would do well to remember that our era of isolation will remain once this practice of "social distancing" fades. Perhaps this pandemic is a chance to wake us up to the reality that we have been surrounded by the isolated ill long before the new coronavirus found us staying at home. This is perhaps among the most important lessons for us as we move forward. How do we *fully* engage with each other, it is perhaps in this renewed sense of community that we can *look* for the resurrection! As we recall that it was to the disciples *gathered* together, that the risen Jesus appeared!

Thank you to all of you who continue to support the ministry of the parish during this time. The church looks wonderful this morning with beautiful flowers and a stunning new Paschal Candle. The building may be empty but the worship of the Church continues to the glory of God!

Every blessing to you all on this Easter Day

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## *Introit Hymn*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who so lately on the cross Alleluia!  
suffered to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!  
now exalted he is King, Alleluia!  
and the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

## *Sentence*

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Luke 24:34, Psalm 118:24*

## *Prayer of the day*

Glorious Lord of life,  
By the resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy  
Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## *Today's Readings*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*Psalm: Hymn to the Risen Christ (Pascha Nostrum)*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

**Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
But with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

**In dying, he died to sin, once for all:  
in living, he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christ has been raised from the dead:  
he first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead;

**For as in Adam all die,  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:1-4)*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The gospel according to Matthew (28:1-10)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

## *Reflection*

Lament Among Anxiety

While the world laments the cancellation of sporting events or the halting of the economy (all appropriate things to be dispirited about), Christianity recognizes that both the new coronavirus and our response to it through social distancing makes the church something less than its full self. If social distancing is something we must do, we shouldn't do it without psalms of lament.

And lament will become increasingly important in the coming weeks. Medical workers in this country and around the world have greatly limited family interactions with the sick in the ICU. Most families cannot view the bodies of their loved ones after death. As we're learning from others, we may find ourselves unable to do what is best for each patient, and instead must balance what is best for the entire community—something that greatly troubles those in health care who are used to being able to do all that is possible. All of this has the potential to lead to great grief and exhaustion.

It is at such times that people who proclaim resurrection faith should look to Easter Sunday with newfound hope, not only of open tombs but of reopened cathedrals and churches. Holy Week in the time of COVID-19—in which we remember the suffering of the King on his way to Golgotha— took on new and profound meaning.

Indeed, it is interesting that the coronavirus gets its name from a spiked ring of proteins on its surface that resembles a crown, hence the title of "corona." In many ways, the coronavirus is revealing the crowned heads we already worship—health, self-protection, medicine. Our global, sustained attention to COVID-19 demonstrates that which we look to out of anxiety, control, and fear.

Of course, we know that Jesus wore a different crown—one that calls us to worship not out of anxiety or control but out of a love that drives out all fear. That crown doesn't make this coronavirus moment any less serious; however, it does tell us where to cast our anxieties, who to comfort, and which thorned crown to remember. Today we celebrate that the one crowned with thorns has triumphed and is with us.

*Adapted from a reflection by Emmy Yang who is a fourth-year medical student at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.*

## *Prayers*

Let us together affirm our faith and renew our Baptismal vows.

Dear friends, in baptism through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism, when we rejected the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully as members of his holy catholic Church.

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 from the dead;  
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 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith:  
We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil  
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,  
when you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

A prayer of Spiritual Communion

*[When the clergy make their communion, you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].*

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.

### *Recessional Hymn*

The strife is past, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
now let the song of praise be sung:  
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst;  
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
Alleluia!

On the third day he rose again;  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
let us take up the great refrain:  
Alleluia!

He closed the frowning gates of hell;  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise His triumphs tell:  
Alleluia!

Now by your stripes, our wounded King,  
your servants free from death's dread sting,  
That we may live in you, and sing:  
Alleluia!

## Calendar @ St Philip's

Sunday 12 April	10am	<b>Easter Day Eucharist</b> - streamed live on <i>Facebook</i> , then will be available on <i>YouTube</i>
Sunday 12 April	4pm -6pm	<b>Easter Day Happy Hour online</b> – catchup with other Parishioners in our <i>Zoom</i> session. Grab a drink, click on the link and have a catch up <a href="#"><i>St Philip's Happy Hour online</i></a>
Friday 17 April	5pm -7pm	<b>Happy Hour online</b> , 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	<b>Weekly Eucharist</b> – 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

Thank you to those who liked, shared or made comments on the live streams 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. Folk have asked for hymns, so today we have included two hymns which we will endeavour to sing and hope that you will join in at home.



The following correspondence has been received from the General Synod Office:  
The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide, has been elected Primate by the Board of Electors. He received the requisite majorities in each order of bishops, clergy and lay and has accepted this office in writing.

Archbishop Smith commences in the role immediately, given that Archbishop Philip Freier's term as Primate concluded on 31 March 2020. The Board of Electors commenced the voting process at a face to face meeting on 14 March 2020 and concluded the election process by electronic ballot concluding on 7 April 2020.



I have 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/](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 gathering 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

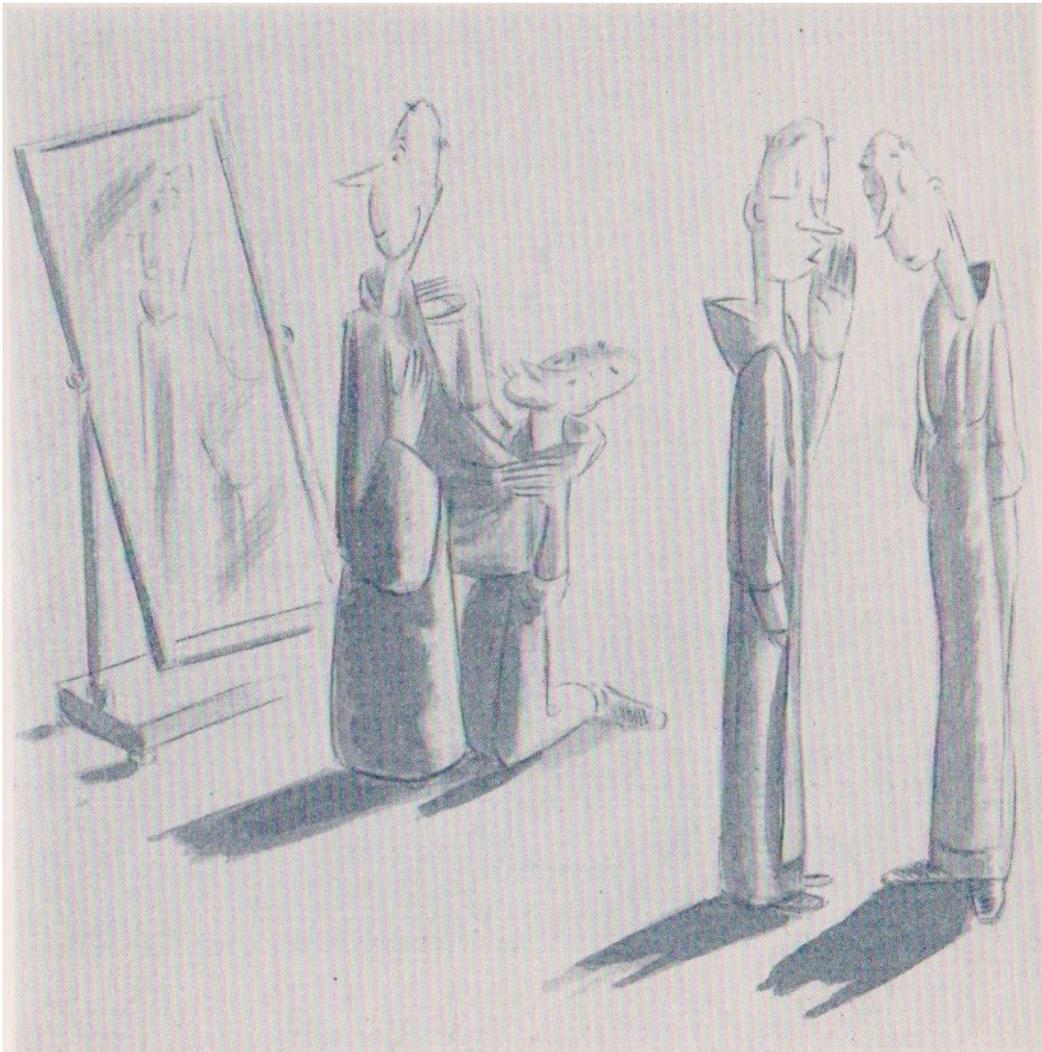
The latest edition of the Diocesan Anglican News is now available and can be found on our website: <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/anglicannews/index.php>



Very soon we will begin publishing a fortnightly News Letter which you'll receive in your inbox or letterbox. Laura Wood has offered to be Editor-in-Chief! Start thinking about your contribution: what are you cooking or reading, how are you keeping fit, what films have you watched, how are you staying in touch are you learning something new? Thanks Laura...watch this space for more after Easter.



***During this time when we are unable to gather please consider giving to St. Philip's using electronic transfer. EFT details; Account Name: St Philip's Anglican Church BSB Number: 702-389 Account No: 05202512 Reference/description: St Phil Offering Thank you.***



*“So we’re having Vespers televised again, I see.”*