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## *The Nativity of our Lord* *Christmas Eve 2021*

St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on [Facebook](#) at 9.00am Christmas morning. It will then be available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)



### *Welcome to St Philip's*

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan - It is a requirement that everyone checks in via the CBR Check In app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople and Welcomers can check you in. We are asking all folk to be aware of the restrictions, to be careful and thorough with their hand hygiene, to be mindful of social distance and not to attend church if they feel unwell. We are now able to have up to 65 folk in church. Masks are mandated in the ACT and must be worn in places of worship.

**Offertory:** at the offertory when our gifts are brought forward, there is an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer, you can use it before or after the service. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

**Communion:** if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion, which at present is in 'one kind.' If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

### *Liturgy for Christmas Eve*

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given**

*Isaiah 9:2,6*

**Introit Hymn** 304 vv1-3, 5,6. (TiS)

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him  
born the king of angels:

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

True God of true God,  
Light of Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father,  
begotten, not created: *[Refrain]*

See how the shepherds  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
we too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps: *[Refrain]*

**Blessing of the Crib**

A hallowed day is dawning upon us.  
Come and worship the Lord:

**for a great light has shone on the earth.**

Hear the words of the book of Wisdom:  
When peaceful silence lay over all and night was in the midst of her  
swift course, from your royal throne, O God, down from the heavens,  
leapt your almighty Word.

Hear the words of Saint John:  
God's love for us was revealed when God sent his only Son into the  
world so that we could have life through him.

**Thanks be to God.**

God our Father,  
on this night  
your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary  
for us and for our salvation:  
bless this crib,  
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;  
may all who see it be strengthened in faith  
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,  
who is alive and reigns for ever.

**Amen.**

Child, for us sinners  
poor and in the manger,  
fain we embrace thee with love and awe;  
who would not love thee,  
loving us so dearly? *[Refrain]*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,

'Glory to God,  
glory in the highest': *[Refrain]*

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.**

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.**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us  
examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:  
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Eternal God,

who made this most holy night

to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,

to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Tonight's Readings

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## *Psalm 96*

O sing to the Lord a new song:

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:**

**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations:

and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:**

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Majesty and glory are before him:**

**beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**

Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

render to the Lord glory and might.

**Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:**

**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

**Say among the nations that the Lord is king:**

**he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved;**

**and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:

let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

**Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them :**

**then shall all the trees of the wood**

**shout with joy before the Lord;**

For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:

he shall judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.

*A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### **Gradual Hymn 302 (TiS)**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

'for known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
'most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

Alleluia, **Alleluia!** I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**

*Luke 2:10-11*

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

### *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20)*

#### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

For the gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

Let us 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, David, Otto, Mandy, Bob, Noel, Claudia, Ermida and Molly, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Derek Williams (25/12/2013), Emma Johnson (25/12/1952), Norma Reynolds (28/12/2000), all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

### **The Greeting of Peace**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9:6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn 290 (TiS)**

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,

he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed,  
when the virgin full of grace,  
by the Spirit's power conceiving,  
bore the saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected:  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.

In the heights of heaven adore him,  
angel hosts his praises sing,  
all dominions bow before him  
and extol our God and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice together sing  
evermore and evermore.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit  
of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink.

**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.**

*After the Preface:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth and full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Great Thanksgiving continues:*

In faith we acclaim you O Christ:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes:*

we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours 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.**

### **The Breaking of Bread and Communion**

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered from  
the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Antiphon**

**The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**

*John 6:33*

### **The Sending out of God's People**

Let us pray:

God of heaven, dwelling among us,  
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.

By your grace keep us ever faithful  
to your Word made flesh

that as his body in the world  
we may bring your presence to all people.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and  
with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
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 the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn 303 (TiS)**



Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Refrain:*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in human flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. *[Refrain]*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings:  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more need die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. *[Refrain]*

### ***This week @ St Philip's***

Saturday 25 Dec	Christmas Day
9am	<b>Eucharist</b> with music
Sunday 26 Dec	<i>St Stephen's Day (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas)</i>
9am	<b>Eucharist</b> with music
Thursday 30 Dec	<i>Josephine Butler, social reformer (d.1905)</i>
10am	<b>Eucharist</b>

*The Christmas flowers are in loving memory of June and John Carnahan who enjoyed many  
Christmas morning services at St Philip's.  
The McCaskie family*

*The St Philip's Community wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas and every  
blessing for the New Year.*

# Roster

		24-Dec-20		25-Dec-20	26-Dec-21		2-Jan-22	9-Jan-22
	Sunday of Month	4th Friday		4th Saturday	4th		1st	2nd
	Liturgical Season	Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	St Stephen's Day		2nd Sunday after Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord
	Flowers	Flowers Team		Flowers Team	Flower team		Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	n/a		n/a	n/a	8am	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Lyn Porritt
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)							
	Sidespeople						Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair
	Liturgical Assistant						Lisa C	Ellie P
	1st Bible reader - OT						Margaret M	Alistair D
	2nd Bible reader - NT						Russell M	Alison D
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	9am	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	10am	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Lyn Porritt
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)							
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Fred A, Denise M & helper		Alistair, Alison & Fred	Tim & Shane		Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Robin		Rev'd Martin	Brian McK			Rebecca K
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F		Colin F	Colin F		Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Susan J		Colin D	Shane W		Ann M	Ashton R
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Richard G		Jeannette D-T	Tim G		Denise M	Fiona D
	Morning Tea	n/a		n/a	Bring your leftovers!		self serve	self serve
	Additional details/notes	11.30pm: Midnight Mass		9am: Eucharist	9am - only one service. Thurs 29 Dec - Rev'd Lyn Porritt presiding		School Holidays. Thurs 6 Jan - Rev'd Jeannette McHugh presiding	School Holidays. Thurs 13 Jan - Rev'd Lyn Porritt presiding