



St Philip's
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The Nativity of our Lord *Christmas Day 2021*

St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on [Facebook](#) at 9.00am this 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



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 Day

Introit Hymn 304 vv1-3, 5-7 (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]*

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]*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing: *[Refrain]*

Entrance Antiphon

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10

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 grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

You were born for our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives:
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:
Almighty God,
who gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary:
grant that we being born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
ever one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (62:6-12)

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
⁷ and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem

and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have laboured;

⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

¹¹ The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'

¹² They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 97

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.

**Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.**

The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.**

They are ashamed,
all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.

**Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah
rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus (3:4-8a)

⁴But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is sure.
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 293 (TiS)

Unto us a boy is born!
The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That he the world surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
And all the little boys he killed
At Bethlem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

Alpha and Omega he!
Now let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Shall rend the air asunder.

Alleluia, **Alleluia!** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. **Alleluia!**

Isaiah 9:2

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. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

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

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

¹⁵When 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.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The 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.

the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 299 (TiS)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind),
'glad tidings of great joy I bring
you and all humankind.

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

'the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease.'

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 Hymn312 (TiS)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, despised and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

This week @ St Philip's

Sunday 26 Dec St Stephen's Day (*1st Sunday after Christmas*)
9am **Eucharist with Hymns**

Thursday 30 Dec *Josephine Butler, social reformer (d.1905)*
10am **Eucharist**

*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

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