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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



William Blake: God speaking to Job out of the whirlwind. 1803-05. Scottish National Gallery

Welcome to St Philip's

Check-in: it is a requirement that everyone checks in via the *CBR Check In* app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople/Welcomers can check you in. If you are unsure of current restrictions the ACT Chief Health Officer's latest update (18 June) can be found at:

https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-06/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings_18062021.pdf

There is a printed copy in the porch. 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.

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the Pew sheet including a complete order of service with hymns is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Alternatively hymn books, service cards and printed abridged Pew sheet is available.

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. Giving cards are in the foyer if you would like 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.

Breakfast or Morning Tea: all our services are followed with hospitality in the Lamerton Centre, please join us - 'Come & See"

From the Rector

Dear Friends.

Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in being a part of our 'Winter Journey' book group. The books for the study 'Creation and the Cross: The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril' have been ordered and very soon, if you haven't already, you will receive an email with the latest information on times, places etc.

As many clergy and churches are now taking to the internet and social media to promote their churches or ministries I have explored (surfed) many sites and found a range of content – some very good, some not so!

I have been musing over our 'digital footprint' and wondering how best we put ourselves 'out there' in a way that truly reflects who we are. Much of what makes a community is intangible. Many have tried to describe the 'St Philip's Way' but it is very difficult to put into words, it's like trying to explain cricket...you need to be there! There are clearly difficult pastoral and theological issues that may arise through an online presence and of course we are all aware of the darker side of the web which seem to be ever present.

I don't believe that the virtual experience can ever replace the gathering which is at the heart of Christian worship and community. It is a useful option when we cannot get together, the Pandemic has proved that, eventually though we will want be together and feel the warmth and support of community. But what of the searcher, what about those who are wary, or cautious? It requires a level of courage to go a new church today, given their diversity and that many congregations are small and tight knit.

This is becoming a highly specialized area of expertise and it might be worth our while investing in professional help. An organisation sensitive to our needs and ethos will be able to help us create an online presence that will assist in our outreach – Come and See!

This requires of us to have a future focus - many of us are not living the digital age, and also to have the courage to step into a virtual world and to see what it might bring, our 'Come and See' works both ways!

This week marked the passing of Helen Palethorpe's sister Tien Bonney who had been on the prayer list for a number of weeks. We assure Helen and the family of our prayers and thoughts at this time. May she rest in peace.

Blessings to you all, *Martin* 0478 619 911 rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

The flowers today were given by Mark and Risma Nolan in loving memory of Mark's father Patrick Nolan whose years mind falls today. May he rest in peace.

Today's Liturgy

Introit Hymn 138 TiS (10am)
Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who didst the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word, who walkedst across the surging deep, and calm amid the storm didst keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the waters dark and rude, and bid their angry tumult cease, and give for wild confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our people shield in danger's hour from rock and tempest, flood and foe, guard them wherever they may go: thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting 1825-78

Entrance Antiphon

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him.

Mark 4:41

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 vou.

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.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 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.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. 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

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Job (38:1-11)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

- ² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
- ³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
- ⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
- ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
- On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
- ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
- 8 'Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—
- ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
- ¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,
- ¹¹ and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Psalm 133

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.

It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-13)
As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return — I speak as to children — open wide your hearts also.

Gradual Hymn 447 TiS (10am)

Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the waters' face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825

Alleluia! (8am)

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I speak as to children — open wide your hearts.

Alleluia! (8am)

2 Corinthians 6:13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (4:35-41)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already

being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?' 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: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, Margot, David, Otto, Joan, Mandy, and Bob, 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 especially Tien Bonney, those whose year's mind falls at this time, Patrick Nolan (20/6/2020), Tom Jones (21/6/2001) and June Carnahan (21/6/2009); all those whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 186 (t.379) TiS (10am) Stars and planets flung in orbit, galaxies that swirl through space, powers hid within the atom, cells that form an infant's face: these, O God, in silence praise you; by your wisdom they are made.

Skies adorned with sunset splendour, silent peaks in calm repose, golden fields awaiting harvest, foaming surf and fragrant rose: earth, its bounty clothed with beauty, echoes all creation's praise.

Life in wondrous, wild profusion,

seed and fruit, each flower and tree, beast and fish and swarming insect, soaring bird, rejoicing, free: these, your creatures, join in chorus, praising you in wordless song.

Humankind, earth's deepest mystery, born of dust but touched by grace, torn apart by tongue and colour, yet a single, striving race: we, in whom you trace your image, add our words to nature's song.

Gracious God, we bring before you gifts of human life alone, truth that throbs through song and story, visions caught in paint and stone: these, O God, we gladly offer, gifts to praise the Giver's name.

Christ, the Word before creation as creation's final goal, once you came for earth's redemption; by your Spirit make earth whole: then, O God, the new creation will your praise for ever sing.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing, a universe of beauty and splendour,

Herman Steumpfle 1923 -

bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,

joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

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.

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at table took bread,

Blessed, and broke it,

and giving it to them said:

'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,

and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us forever. With this bread and this cup, we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Accept we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table May be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,

may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
Of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:
Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive
this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.
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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.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, \maltese 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 187 TiS (10am)
Let all creation dance in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls, igniting from a spark expanding starry swirls, with whirlpools dense and dark. Though moon and sun seem mindless things, each orbit sings:
"Your will be done."

Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms, is made for praise, a fragile whole, and from its soul heaven's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete. In hope be strong. All life befriend and kindly tend creation's song.

Brian Wren 1936-

For Reflection

At the end of St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples "Go and share the good news with all creation." All creation. The task of believers is not simply to go and communicate a few ideas to a few promising human beings, it is to transform the face of the earth.

We are to be the bearers of good news for the world that God has made. Not for any one little bit of it, for any one community at the expense of others. Not even it seems for humanity at the expense of everything else in the universe. Good news for all creation and especially good news in this International Year of Biodiversity.

And that is why we're here, to ask today what is going to be good news for creation? It looks in the last few decades particularly and perhaps the last few millennia as if the human race has on the whole not been very good news for the rest of creation. Just as quite a lot of our own civilisation has not been particularly good news for the rest of the human race. And that's catching up with us, catching up with us in terms of its practical effects. Catching up I hope and trust in the sense that we are more and more beginning to realise how we have turned our back on that command of the risen Lord, to be and to carry good news for all of his world. So that's our starting point.

During this Creation Time we're trying to ask God to rally us and unite us and inspire us around that vision of a universal good news, which is justice for the creation and justice for God's human children also. And we are witnessing to the deep conviction that those two things are inseparable. Don't please listen to those who say that there is some kind of choice to be made between looking after human beings and looking after the planet. It's one of the most popular and one of the most foolish errors around these days. And there are quite a few errors around.

We are as human beings, in case you haven't noticed, creatures. In Job 38:18 we can find that wonderful reminder of where we stand in creation. God says to Job with unforgettable fatherly sarcasm "Have you comprehended the expanse of the Earth? Declare if you know all this." So we are part of a great interwoven system of life. We live because we are creatures. We depend on the health of the world around us. And because of that, the health of the world around us and our own long-term health are not two things but one. Let's not lose sight of that.

Dr Rowan Williams

News

A number of you have asked to be a part of the 'Winter Journey' book group. A number of books have been ordered and next week we will have a plan of times and places. It's not too late to join in, the book is available for purchase on line, for your Kindle and also as an audiobook. Check it out at: https://www.amazon.com.au/Creation-Cross-Mercy-Planet-Peril/dp/162698266X

Bridging the Gap – Breaking the Cycle. Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. The baskets at the back of the church are ready to receive your donations! This week there is a need for UHT milk, powdered milk, olive oil, Weet-bix, large tinned tuna and pasta meals. Please ensure that what you donate is new, and check the use by dates on foodstuffs, thank you.

"On any given night, nearly 500 young people in Canberra are homeless. Some "couch-surf" with friends, others face a night on the streets or hidden away in the bushlands. No young person should feel like they have nowhere to go. **Raw Potential Canberra** actively provides outreach services to at-risk young people, of 12-25 years, in an effort to help those facing homelessness and violence. They offer after hours support and a non-judgmental approach to helping those in need.

They work in partnership with other local services to go out into the community and engage with young people who cannot, or will not, access services, working with them over time to re-connect them to mainstream society. Your donation to St Philip's Local Mission project will help Raw Potential to do this vital work."

If you'd like to know more check out the website at: https://rawpotential.com.au/about-us/

Sarah Gowty is beginning her fundraising walk for ABM on the Larapinta Trial this week with brother Tim. We look forward to their return and hearing of their adventures.

This week @ St Philip's

Today Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8am **Eucharist**

10am **Eucharist with Hymns**

Tuesday 22 June Alban, first British martyr (d. c209)

2pm **Eucharist** – Sir Leslie Morshead manor

Thursday 24 June The birth of John the Baptist

10am **Eucharist**

Saturday 26 June Feria

10am-1pm Pandora's

11am **Eucharist** – Kankinya

Sunday 27 June Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8am **Eucharist**

10am **Eucharist with Hymns**

Readings: Lamentations 3:22-33, Ps 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

Dates for your Diary

14 July Parish Council 7pm

22 July Eucharist 10am – Mary Magdalene

23 October 'Spring Fling' 24 October Anglicare Sunday 1-5 November Clergy Retreat, Galon

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December 60th Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication (More info soon)

Rosters

		20-Jun-21	27-Jun-21	4-Jul-21
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	1st
	Liturgical Season	4th Sunday after Pentecost	5th Sunday after Pentecost	6th Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople	volunteers	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell
	Liturgical Assistant		Brian McK	Lisa C
	1st Bible reader - OT	Brian McK	Shane W	Margaret M
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Rebecca P	Julianne S	Russell M
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & Vicki L	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W	Crucifer: Zara Server: Leighton
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	David R	Denise M	Richard G
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Jeanette D-T	Kerry-Anne C	Vicki Luker
	Morning Tea	Jan G	Ann M	Helen P
			School holidays	School holidays