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Sunday 16 May 2021 The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Dear Friends.

This is a significant season in the Church, one that is perhaps over-looked. On Thursday last we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension one of the great festivals of our tradition. We then entered into a period of waiting as we contemplate on, and pray for the giving of the Spirit. This waiting reaches its culmination next Sunday on the Feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the world.

In a former parish I decided to hold a Vigil, on the evening before Pentecost, similar to the Easter Vigil. We gathered around the Paschal Candle and heard readings relating to the giving of the Spirit in the Old Testament, before celebrating the Eucharist. Vigils are not a big part of our tradition...perhaps another year we might try it!

But what is central to our tradition is prayer. During this time between Ascension and Pentecost prayer is our calling. Our Catholic friends often use Novenas at this time, each day having a particular intention. The Church in England launched the 'Thy Kingdom Come' project a number of years ago and this takes place during this season. Our Bishop Mark has recommended the resources to us. There is a link in the 'News' section below.

Alternatively, you may wish to engage with the resources for The Week of Prayer for Christian unity, the Spirit is one of unity as we will hear in next week's reading from Acts. These resources from the National Council of Churches can be found at: https://www.ncca.org.au/prayer/prayer-

<u>points/item/2337-full-year-prayer-cycle-with-lectionary-readings-for-year-b-2021</u> If you would like printed copies of any of these prayer resources please let me know.

At the Parish Council this week we resolved to make some further changes to our COVIDSafe Plan with the reintroduction of our Orders of Service today and hymn books etc over the coming weeks. Please let me know if you have concerns.

During the week our Mission Coordinators met to begin to plan our next mission and outreach project. You will be hearing more soon from Julianne Stewart and Sarah Gowty, thank you to you both for taking on this role.

Blessings to you all, Martín

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Liturgy for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Introit Hymn 371 TiS (10am)
God is gone up on high,
with a triumphant noise;
the clarions of the sky
proclaim the angelic joys!

Join all the earth, rejoice and sing; glory ascribe to glory's king.

God in the flesh below, for us he reigns above: let all the nations know Our Jesus' conquering love! *Refrain*.

All power to our great Lord is by the Father given; by angel hosts adored, he reigns supreme in heaven. *Refrain*.

High on his holy seat He bears his righteous sway; his foes beneath his feet shall sink and die away. *Refrain*.

His foes and ours are one, Satan, the world, and sin; but he shall tread them down. and bring his kingdom in: *Refrain*.

till all the earth, renewed in righteousness divine, with all the hosts of God in one great chorus join. *Refrain*.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

Jesus prayed, 'Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, \blacksquare and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to trust, that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth until the end of time; through the same 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 the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-17, 21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law will they ponder day and night.

They are like a trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.

Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A reading from the first letter of John (5:9-13)

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gradual Hymn 430 TiS (10am):

Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul; enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal.

Your words to me are light and truth; from day to day they show their wisdom, passing human thought, as in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy, of beauty, peace, and grace; from them I learn your blessed will, through them I see your face.

Your words are perfected in One, yourself, the living Word; within my heart your image print in clearest lines, O Lord.

George Currie Martin 1865-1937

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Cf John 14:18

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17.6-19)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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, Tien, Myrle, Margot, David, Otto, Joan 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, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Fred Langman (19/5/2019), Winifred Vollmer (20/5/1999), 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, crucified and risen be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 521 TiS (10am) Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed that all your church might be for ever one; may at each eucharist this prayer be made with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.' O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all your church, O Lord, we intercede; make all our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace: thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

We also pray for wanderers from your fold; O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep, back to the faith which saints believed of old, back to your church which still that faith must keep: soon may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease may we be one with all your church above, one with your saints in one unbroken peace, one with your saints in one unbounded love; more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

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.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
and rising to new life
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
You have highly exalted him,
and given him the name which is above all names

William Henry Turton 1856-1938

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

> 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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the remission of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father,
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

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

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia!

Matthew 28:20

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:
God of glory
you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world
to preach the gospel of the kingdom.
Strengthen us who share this meal to continue his mission
by living the good news we proclaim.
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 our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Φ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn 378 TiS (10am) The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heav'n's eternal Light,

the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,

to whom he manifests his love, and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given; their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with the Lord below, they reign with him above; their profit and their joy to know the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1855

For Reflection

As well as The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity here in Australia hundreds of thousands of Christians worldwide will be gearing up to take part in the sixth 'Thy Kingdom Come' – a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation, occurring annually from Ascension to Pentecost (13th – 23rd May this year).

With a presence in more than 170 countries worldwide, Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow internationally, in terms of depth of engagement, with resources being translated in-country into languages such as Finnish, Maori, Korean, Tamil and Sinhala (Sri Lanka) and Cantonese. Key resources continue to be translated into French, Spanish and Portuguese.

This year, Christians in countries as diverse as Sudan, Greece, Sri Lanka, Japan, Australia, Canada, Trinidad, America, South Africa, Brazil and Burundi will be involved.

The campaign continues to be supported by senior church figures including His Holiness, Pope Francis and the leaders of the main denominations in the UK, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Justin Welby, Pastor Agu Irukwu, Archbishop Angaelos and Dr Hugh Osgood and the Church of Scotland Moderator. This is from the Website:

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, we are committing ourselves to pray for friends and family to come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ. This year, we will be using some of the psalms as a structure and guide for our prayer and reflection, holding on to the thought that 'God has willed to make himself known in the mystery of the psalms.' [Thomas Merton, Praying the Psalms]

In order to do this, you might like to think of each of our psalms as a conversation, often with several voices. Usually, though not always, God is there. Then there are the human voices, the praise singers and complainants, the rested and the discouraged, the angry and the forgiving. And thirdly, there is your voice, silent or urgent. The question remains:

Whose are the many human voices that we hear in our chosen psalm, whether we recognize them as friends or foes, neighbours or strangers, people we pray for often or those we have never thought of praying for, praying for the greatest gift of them knowing Christ for themselves?

Sometimes the conversation in a psalm is straightforward. At other times it may feel like a babble, with voices talking across or against each other. Our task – the discipline we might undertake during these days – is to carry out a kind of spiritual eavesdropping! As with any kind of 'listening in', we try not to analyse or jump to conclusions, simply wanting to be there, to be present with God, for the world. In particular, we may want to look for places in our daily psalm where we can hear the voice of our friend or family member.

As we listen patiently, certain voices come to the fore while others fade. The task for us who pray the psalms is to hold the insistent voices in our hands, lift them up to God with tears or laughter and stay there until God bids us go.

Each day, there will be a psalm, some text and a picture. The opening and closing days of Ascension and Pentecost are like bookends to the nine days of prayer in between, setting the theme and drawing it to a close. The picture does not illustrate the psalm, but may help enrich your prayer. Enjoy it, use it, or ignore it. But whatever you do, enjoy praying!

Here is the link to videos and resources, I hope they help to inspire your prayer life in this season: https://www.thykingdomcome.global/videos

News

The May **Anglican News** is now out. https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/ If you'd like a printed copy please let Martin know.

St Philip's Annual Autumn Market Morning, Saturday 22 May, 9am - 1pm. Book Stall, Garage Sale, Pandora's, Breakfast BBQ & Sausage Sizzle, Morning Tea & Champagne Bar. We will need helpers to assist with setting up from 7am, assistance throughout the morning & help to pack up. If you are able to assist even for a short time please let Leighton or Susan know. If you have donations for the Garage Sale or Book Stall, you can bring them during the week. Please see Susan or Leighton for any further details. Please share the Facebook event or our Website with your friends and invite them along.

The ACT Chief Health Officer regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. The web site offers the latest information on restrictions and regulations. [The latest guidance on this site dated 11 May is in the church foyer].

https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings_11052021_final.pdf

ACT Health require all worshippers to use the **CBR APP** as they come into church. If you use a Smartphone can you please download the App and use the QR code as you enter. An iPad has been installed in the foyer to assist in enabling us all to be scanned in as we come into the church.

Maurice Nevile invites you to the book launch and celebration of
Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith
(2021, Coventry Press, Melbourne) by the late Rev'd Susan Joy Nevile.

Sunday 23 May, from 2-3pm at The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15
Blackall Street (cnr Kings Avenue) Barton
with some words from... Prof. Quentin Grafton (Crawford School, ANU)
Adj. Prof. Maurice Nevile (author's husband, who compiled/edited the book)
The Ven. Anne Ranse (Archdeacon Emeritus, OAM)
RSVP and register at: https://www.trybooking.com/BQUYR
read more about the book at: coventrypress.com.au
read more about the author at: susanjoynevile.net

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 savoury biscuits, jam, peanut butter, 1kg Plain and Wholemeal flour, 820g tinned fruit and soap, thank you!

St John's Care is celebrating 30 years of ministry and outreach this year. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St John's next Sunday at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea and the launch of 'Celebrating 30 Years A History of St John's Care' compiled by Grace Koch. Numbers are restricted, to RSVP please contact Tracy via admin@stjohnscare.org.au or 6248 7771.

Key points from the May Council meeting

- Parish Council agreed that the laminated Eucharist sheets will be reintroduced today. Use of prayer books, hymn books and the offertory plate will resume on Sunday, 23 May. Please contact Rev'd Martin if you have any concerns.
- Work has commenced on fixing the carpark lighting.
- Council is working to reinstate the children's space at the back of the church and to provide activity sheets for pre and primary school children.

This week @ St Philip's

Today Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am **Eucharist**

10am **Eucharist with Hymns**

Tuesday 18 May Feria in Easter – Week of prayer for Christian unity

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

Thursday 20 May Feria in Easter – Week of prayer for Christian unity

10am **Eucharist**

Saturday 22 May Feria in Easter – Week of prayer for Christian unity

9am-1pm Autumn Market Morning & Pandora's

11am Holy Communion – Kankinya

Sunday 23 May Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:26-36, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:14b-15.

8am **Eucharist**

10am **Eucharist with Hymns**

2pm Book Launch - Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life

of Faith. See News section above

Rosters

	<u>May</u>	16-May-21	23-May-21	30-May-21
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	5th
	Liturgical Season	7th Sunday of Easter	Day of Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople	volunteers	Tim & Shane	Nirmal Farrington & helpers
	Liturgical Assistant		Brian McK	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Rebecca P	Julianne S	Julianne S
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Brian McK	Shane W	Margaret or Russell
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & Vicki L	volunteers
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W	Tim G
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Jeanette D-T	Kerry-Anne C	Laura W
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Tim G	Vicki L	Ann M
	Morning Tea	Jan G	Ann M	Leighton M