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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.

Pewsheet & Order of Service: the Pewsheet 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 Pewsheet 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 available 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. 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"

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It brings to an end a journey that began in Advent last year. We have journeyed with Christ and in doing so we have experienced God. It is that God that we celebrate today and in the weeks to come we celebrate God's ongoing presence through the Spirit in the Church and the world.

You will have noticed that we have rearranged the pews to create a space for young folk to gather – this is not simply wishful thinking! Over this period 'of the Church,' in these weeks 'after Pentecost' we are considering how we reach out to the youngsters in our community. This is not an added extra, something which is nice to do, it is essential that our community of faith encompasses everyone. Work has begun and we are hoping to make up some of the ground lost during this time of pandemic.

Some of our young folk have been attending a course of study on Sunday afternoons at Holy Cross Hackett, we have been well represented in this ecumenical endeavour sponsored by the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. I am looking forward to joining in one of the sessions over the coming weeks and inviting these young folk to speak us of their experiences as they have learnt about their faith.

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

Today's Liturgy

Introit Hymn 132 TiS (10am) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, early in the morning to you our praise shall be; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before you, God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you, though the sinful human eye your glory may not see, you alone are holy, there is none beside you, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Entrance Antiphon 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

Isaiah 6:3

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.

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.

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

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 \square 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

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all both near and far: by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (6:1-8)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-17)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gradual Hymn 453 TiS (10am) We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to notions of our day and sect, crude, partial and confined: no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred: the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

Our faithful forebears searching went the first steps of the way; this was the dawning, yet to grow into this perfect day. And grow it shall, our glorious sun will brighter rays afford: the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

O Father, Son, and Spirit, send us increase from above; enlarge, expand all living souls to comprehend your love; and make us all go on to know, with nobler powers conferred, that you have yet more light and truth to break forth from your word.

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:1-17)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up

the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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, \mathfrak{A} 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, Mandy, Deb 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 Patricia Davey and Baden Williams, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Charles Parke (31/05/1936), Josephine Johnson (01/06/2004), John Carnahan (2/06/2017) and Ann Johnson (05/06/2005), 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.

Offertorv Hymn 454 TiS (10am) Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness, high on his heart he will bear it for you, comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness, guiding your steps in the way best for you.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth you would reckon to own: truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

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.

Through him you revealed to us your glory in the community of your love, three persons one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 5:5

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit. Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

And also with you.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, \blacksquare 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 106 TiS (10am) Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us. Lord, keep us in your grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, who ever was, is now, and shall be ever more.

For Reflection

Trinity Sunday brings to a climax a great narrative cycle that began in Advent. Australian theologian, Ben Myers, in a series of tweets on the doctrine of the Trinity, begins with the suggestion that we abolish Trinity Sunday which he describes as 'that fateful day on which preachers think they have to explain the Trinity.' His point is that the Trinity cannot be explained; but that there is also danger in thinking we have 'done' the Trinity in one day and can now forget about it.

It is remarkable that some Christians seem to have an exclusive relationship with Jesus, with the Trinity as a kind of shadowy background. Ditto for charismatics with the Spirit. Others regard the Trinity as a Johnny-come-lately: something that arose out of the later church under the influence of Greek philosophy and is only vaguely present, if at all, in the New Testament.

Yet the doctrine of the Trinity, more than anything else, is reflection on Scripture. Ben Myers again: it is 'a formula that refers in shorthand to the knowledge of God revealed in OT and NT'. Not just a reflection on the New Testament but encompassing the whole Bible. The Trinity is the only way to gather in all the diversity of Scripture on how God is revealed. It is very hard to imagine the church going any other way!

So is there an understanding of the Trinity in the New Testament? The answer is yes and no. No, in that the New Testament writers make no effort to understand the exact relations between God, Jesus and the Spirit. No words like 'Person' or 'of the same substance' are found there, as we encounter them in the Nicene Creed. The later church was given the task of finding the right words and it succeeded in language that is careful, lucid, symbolic (in the true sense) and deeply spiritual.

But yes, in the sense that the Trinity underlies many if not most of the New Testament writings which are themselves grounded in the Old Testament. It is equally true of the earliest writings — the letters of the apostle Paul — and also of the later writings, such as the Gospel of John. They are implicitly, and sometimes explicitly, trinitarian. How else do we understand the baptism of Jesus and the transfiguration in the Synoptic Gospels? How else the message of the Matthean Jesus on the mountain in Galilee where he gives the church its core language and mission? How else do we understand Paul's talk about spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12?

Our understanding of the Trinity is not for Trinity Sunday but for the whole year. It is not a 'mathematical puzzle' (Myers), nor the justification for a social program of equality nor a patriarchal plot to make maleness divine. 'It just helps you not to be an idolator' (Myers). Even at its most sublime, and even as the language of revelation, it is still but a 'stammering at infinity' (Karl Rahner).

Our calling is not to explain the mystery of the Trinity or use the doctrine for our practical ends. Our role is to worship God as holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and to draw others into that sublime communion of love at the heart of all reality.

The Revd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee Stewart Research Professor of New Testament Trinity College, Melbourne

News

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 Cup a Soup, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, small tubs of fruit – for school lunch boxes and biscuits, Please ensure that what you donate is new, and check the use by dates on foodstuffs, thank you.

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 27 May is in the church foyer].

https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-05/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings 27052021 MelbourneBendigo.pdf

This is a constantly changing and evolving situation. Please be mindful of the restrictions as they change. Our COVIDSafe planning will always reflect the nature of the risk and the requirements of the government and the Diocese.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	Trinity Sunday
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Thursday 3 June	Corpus Christi
10am	Eucharist
Friday 4 June	<i>Feria</i>
7pm	Youth group
Saturday 5 June	Boniface of Mainz, martyr (d.745)
10am-1pm	Pandora's - OPEN
11am	Eucharist – Kankinya
Sunday 6 June	Second Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Readings: Ge	nesis 3:8-15, Ps 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Rosters

	<u>May</u>	30-May-21	6-Jun-21	13-Jun-21
	Sunday of Month	5th	1st	2nd
	Liturgical Season	Trinity Sunday	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople	Nirmal Farrington & helpers	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair
	Liturgical Assistant		Lisa C	Ellie P
	1st Bible reader - OT	Julianne S	Russell M	Alison D
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Margaret or Russell	Margaret M	Alistair D
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	volunteers	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W
	Liturgical Assistant			Rebecca K
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Laura W	Ashton R	Colin D
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Ann M	Fiona D	Fred A
	Morning Tea	Leighton M	Helen P	Janene B
		Reconciliation Day Public holiday - Monday		Queen's Birthday Public holiday - Monday