

Sunday 15 January

Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20) 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 12 For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
- 14 You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;
- 16 Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.
- 17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

ABM REFLECTIONS

LIKE NATHANIEL AND THOSE WHO ENCOUNTERED JESUS, WE ARE CALLED TO ANSWER THE QUESTION 'HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?' THE PSALMIST REPLIED, 'O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME AND YOU KNOW ME.' THIS MEANS THAT GOD KNOWS US, OUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, AND YET HE STILL LOVES US. HE WILL NOT REJECT US, BUT EMBRACES US. YET, PERHAPS THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS NOT JESUS 'HOW DO YOU KNOW ME,' BUT 'HOW DO YOU KNOW JESUS?'

- PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WALKING IN DARKNESS, HAVING NOT SEEN THE LIGHT, AND WHO DO NOT YET KNOW THE JOY OF THE LORD
- PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN POVERTY. PRAY TO BE INSPIRED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO WALK HUMBLLY WITH GOD.

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St Philip's Come & See

JANUARY 2012

EPIPHANY

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Sunday 10am Musician: Fiona Fraser

Weekly Services @ St Philip's

English language Eucharists: 8am & 10am Sunday
10am Wednesday
Dinka language Service: 1pm Sunday

Morning Tea

Throughout the holiday period Morning tea will be in the Foyer - self serve!

Pewsheets

The weekly pewsheets will resume on Sunday 22 January 2012

St Philip's Diary

Parish Council @ the Rectory Wednesday 11 January, 7.30pm
Anglican Provincial Mission Convention Thursday 26 – Saturday 29 January
Canberra Girls Grammar School
Annual Reports - deadline Sunday 5 February
to Rebecca or stphil@grapevine.com.au
Ash Wednesday Wednesday 22 February
Deacon's Ordination Saturday 25 February, 11am
St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
St Philip's Annual General Meeting Sunday 26 February, following 10am service
Consecration of Assistant Bishops Saturday 31 March, 11am
St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday 1 April
Maundy Thursday Thursday 5 April
Good Friday Friday 6 April
Easter Day Sunday 8 April
St Philip's Day Sunday 29 April

Sunday 1 January Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
- 12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.
- 13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- 14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

ABM REFLECTIONS

VERY FEW PEOPLE TOOK NOTICE OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, ONLY SOME SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN, AND THE ANGELS. MANY STILL CHOOSE NOT TO TAKE NOTICE. YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE THE LORD, THOSE WHO WILL BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP HIM. TODAY, AS THE WESTERN WORLD CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST, EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. LET US REMEMBER THAT CHRIST HAS COME INTO OUR MIDST AGAIN, AND WE MUST CHOOSE TO WORSHIP HIM, LAYING ALL WHAT WE HAVE AND ALL WHAT WE ARE AT HIS FEET.

- PRAY FOR UNITY AMONG ALL CHRISTIANS, AND FOR BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING.
- GIVE THANKS FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION'S EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH INITIATIVE, AND GIVE THANKS FOR ABM'S PARTICIPATION IN IT.

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Sunday 8 January The Baptism of our Lord

Genesis 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf:
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

ABM REFLECTIONS

AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD HOVERED OVER THE WATERS OF THE EARTH AT CREATION (GEN 1.2) SO THAT SAME SPIRIT DESCENDED ON JESUS LIKE A DOVE AT HIS BAPTISM (MK 1.10). IF WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER (CF. HEB 13.8), IS NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT TOO? IF THIS IS TRUE, AND THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT WHICH HOVERED OVER CREATION ALSO CAME UPON JESUS, THEN HOW WILL THAT SAME HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWER US TO USE OUR GIFTS TODAY? WHAT MINISTRY AND MISSION IS GOD CALLING AND EQUIPPING YOU FOR?

- PRAY FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION.
- GIVE THANKS FOR THE CLEAN WATER PROVIDED TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH ABM'S WATER, SANITATION AND HEALTH PROJECTS.

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