



St Philip's Come & See

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TRANSFIGURATION & BAPTISM

10am Music; Hymns: 454, 585, 600, 607, 531

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!' (Matthew 17.51)

A prayer remembering God's love

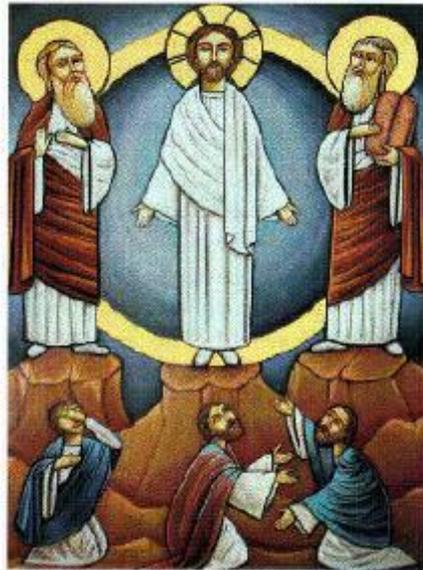
Oh, Lord my God. You called me from the sleep of nothingness merely because in your tremendous love you want to make good and beautiful beings. You have called me by my name in my mother's womb.

You have given me breath and light and movement and walked with me every moment of my existence.

I am amazed, Lord God of the universe, that you attend to me and, more, cherish me.

Create in me the faithfulness that moves you, and I will trust you and yearn for you all my days. Amen

Amen. — Joseph Tetlow SJ



Notices & Prayer points for the Pewsheets, please submit by Thursday 12pm to Rebecca rdland@mac.com.

For Rosters and if you are unsure as to your role today please see the large roster in the foyer. Thank you!

Psalm: 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury: 'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6 I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken: 'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.'
- 7 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance: the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.'
- 8 'You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 9 Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10 Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
- 11 For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

About the Psalm

We wake up each day in a world noisy with boasting, violent with guns, arrogant with money. How can we avoid being intimidated? What use can prayer have in the face of governments and armies and millionaires? None, if God is not at work; all, if God is. Psalm 2 is a set of words that declare that no matter what the powerful on earth do, no matter the wrongs done to the innocent, God's justice will prevail. Psalm 2 makes a striking claim: in the face of terrifying threats, God creates and preserves order through God's anointed one, a righteous messiah. Through this anointed one peace and mercy will be proclaimed. This psalm is also a key part of the text of Handel's Messiah. Despite its desperation its message is one of hope and trust.

New Parish Council and Synod Representatives and Clergy Appointment Board

Thank you to our new (and not so new) Parish Council—Ian Cousins and Roger Sharp, (church wardens), Rebecca Palethorpe, (Rector's warden) and Shane Woodburn, Robin Shannon and Tim Gulliver.

Thank you to our new synod representatives—Philippa Wicks, Robin Shannon and Peter Kuot; alternates—Rosemary Knight, David Grice and Patricia Abbott and returning Clergy Appointment Board—Chris Cheah Denise Manley and Ian Cousins.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We welcome the family and friends of Riya who is to be baptised today. May this day be a celebration of God's all embracing love and goodness! Today we also celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord, ending the season of the Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the revealing of Jesus to the world.

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, when on the mountain Jesus is radiant with the glory of God, joining heaven and earth, the divine and the human. ('Transfigured' means changed in appearance'.) It is an appropriate day to celebrate a baptism since it is in our being united to Jesus Christ through the waters of Baptism that we become part of his divine life. As Irenaeus (130-200 AD) wrote, "*the Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who did, through His transcendent love, become what we are, that He might bring us to be even what He is Himself.*" This is the path of the Christian, the journey into becoming a living icon of the loving presence of God in the world—we are to be light for the love of others and the glory of God.

May your week be blessed. Rebecca

Ash Wednesday and Lent

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Services are 10.00 am and 7.30 pm. Lent is a time to reorientate our lives to God. We look to practices that will direct our attention towards God, including prayer, fasting, quietness, bible reading and simplicity. Details about the Lenten study book are at the back of the church. More information about other studies to follow. To guide you in your Lenten journey there is an online: ST PHILIP'S 2014 LENTEN CALENDAR

There is a page for each day of Lent, with Bible readings, art/photo, a reflection and glorious music.

Go to the St Philip's website at www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au and click the link on the home page!

St Philip's needs a cleaner

—a paid one. Please see Rebecca or Ian cousins if you are interested.

and

Young woman, 30s, friendly, librarian, from Holy Cross parish is looking for a room in a share house on Northside. Please contact Nichola Worrall 0414 823 658

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Sunday Readings:

Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9

Today	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	1pm	Dinka Service
Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch	
Tuesday	10am-12pm	St Pip's Playtime

Ash Wednesday Services 10.00 am & 7.30 pm

Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's@ O'Connor - Open
	7.00pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am-1pm	Pandora's@ O'Connor - Open
Next Sunday	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	12 noon	Leadership Meeting
	1pm	Dinka Service

Prayer points for this week

For those in Need: Tony Gtlliver, Rev'd Anne Ranse, Michael Sawer, Bill Viney, Meg Colwell

In Remembrance: Merryn Kathleen Bannerman, Daphne Lois Hall, Perpetua and her companions, N4artyrs at Carthage (d.203), John of God, worker among the sick and poor, Spain (d.1550).

From the ABM cycle of prayer: The Anglican Communion including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby and the Lambeth Palace staff; the Primates meetings, the Anglican Consultative Council; ecumenical dialogue and the more than 2000 members of Anglican religious orders worldwide.

CALENDAR

Wed 5 Mar 10am and 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Services
Mon 10 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
Fri 28 Mar 5-7pm	St Philip's Friday Happy Hour

(For the complete calendar please go to the parish website)