



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 14 June 2020

### Corpus Christi

Today the Eucharist will be celebrated at **8.00am** and will be live on [Facebook](#). Then it will be available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)



Dear Friends,

As I write we remain committed to the gradual opening of our gatherings for worship. At present 20 folk can attend, by month's end, all being well we will be able to gather in groups of 50. We are planning for our regular pattern of two Sunday services - 08.00am and 10.00am to resume on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Whilst we have in place a plan to minimise the risks posed by the COVID19 virus, I am aware that some of you will not yet feel confident enough to attend. If you are concerned please get in contact with me and we can plan how best to hold you within the gathering. I am more than happy to bring to you the sacrament reserved from Sunday's celebration, we are also considering how we might continue to use technology to keep us connected. I am keen to hear from you what would be most helpful as we move forward. The Thursday Eucharist has now resumed and may perhaps provide an extra opportunity in a setting with a small gathering for you to keep communion.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi which offers us the opportunity to prayerfully consider this sacrament of our communion with God and each other. In these times we are making our communion simply with Bread, and I believe this will continue for some time. This is not consistent with our tradition - Communion in 'both kinds' was among the earliest of the reforms in the time of Edward VI, but it is necessary as we care for each other.

Some parishes have begun using individual cups, but this is not a method that has any place in our tradition. It is not just the reception of the sacrament but the fact of the sharing in one bread (the large wafers we use at St Philip's indicate this) and one cup that is significant. We can be confident that our communion, whilst not ideal, is not diminished in any way by our reception in one kind. I am very happy to speak with you if have any concerns about how best we begin to move forward.

Blessings to you all

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### *Introit Hymn*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
you alone, our strong defender,  
lifting up your people's head:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesus, true and living bread.

Here our humble homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know you now:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
you are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form now veils you  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there your angels hail you,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship you, the Lamb who died,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
ris'n, ascended, glorified!

*George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925*

### *Sentence*

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

### *Prayer of the day*

O God,  
in a wonderful sacrament  
you have given us a memorial of your Son's precious death  
until his coming again:  
grant that we may so reverence

the sacred mysteries of his body and blood  
that we may ever know within ourselves  
the fruits of his redemption;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *Today's Readings*

*A reading from the book of Exodus (24:3-8)*

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.' <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, 'All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.' <sup>8</sup>Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, 'See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.'

### *Psalm 116*

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;

**Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**

The cords of death encompassed me,  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.

**The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.

**For you, O Lord,  
have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.

**I believed that I would perish,  
I was brought very low:  
I said in my haste 'everyone is a liar.'**

How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.

**Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.

**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord:**

**even in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord.**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:14-21)*

14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14:12-26)*

12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

17 When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' <sup>20</sup>He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' <sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## *Prayers*

*Priest:* Lord, listen to your people, gathered at your table  
as we pray for the world and the Church.

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church spread throughout the world,  
for our parish and diocese for Bishop Mark and the clergy and people in his care  
for Christians everywhere sharing the one bread and cup, for our unity and peace.  
In faith we pray: **Lord hear us.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed.  
For peace in our world amongst people of every colour, race and creed  
for refugees, asylum seekers, the dispossessed and all who live in poverty and fear.  
In faith we pray: **Lord hear us.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our families and friends and all whose lives are joined with ours.  
We pray too for the lonely and isolated. Those in our community who are ignored,  
abused or forgotten. The unemployed and those whose work goes unrecognised.  
In faith we pray: **Lord hear us.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,

listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of any kind: We pray for those in hospital or residential care, for those among us whose suffering is unseen. We hold in prayer Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Margaret and Sarah and those who care for them. May we all know God's healing, reconciling love in our lives. In faith we pray: **Lord hear us.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise and now rest in his peace. We remember those whose years mind falls at this time especially Mira Barrett (18/6/09), those we love and remember and and we hold in prayer those who have no one to recall their lives. May they taste the new wine of God's heavenly kingdom. In faith we pray: **Lord hear us.**

Priest: Lord, hear our prayers, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *A Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

*[When the clergy make their communion, you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].*

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist  
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment  
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread  
which came down from Heaven.  
Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.  
That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence  
and from your Body, gathered;  
I may know the peace and joy of communion with you  
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,  
strengthen my hope,  
kindle my love,  
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

*[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]*

### *Offertory Hymn*

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
hallelujah! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
'Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.'

Hallelujah! not as orphans,  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Hallelujah! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how;

though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
'I am with you evermore?'

Hallelujah! bread of heaven,  
and on earth our food, our stay;  
Hallelujah! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day;  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal,  
you the Lord of lords we own;  
Hallelujah! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:  
you within the veil have entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
you on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

*William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898*

### *Recessional Hymn*

*Refrain:* By your priestly power, O risen Lord,  
all we lost and needed is restored,  
God in our communion be adored.

At your hands, Lord, we are fed,  
hands that guide and do not falter,  
wounded hands that broke the bread  
on this altar. *Refrain*

At your hands we seek release  
from the evils that assail us  
for we know the Bread of Peace  
will not fail us. *Refrain*

In the world that we have known  
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;  
Lord, with you, with you alone  
is deep quiet. *Refrain*

To that world we must return  
sharing in its hope and labour,  
bringing to it Christ's concern  
for our neighbour. *Refrain*

*James Phillip McAuley 1917-1976*

### *For Reflection*

***As a black man, I understand the anger in our streets. But we must still choose love.***  
*Michael B. Curry is presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.*

I am an African American man, blessed to serve as the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. In my 67 years, I have seen our country change a great deal. But what happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Sandra Bland, Paul Castaway, Melissa Ventura, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin and countless others has been a sad constant.

Back in the 1960s and '70s, my father ran the Human Relations Commission for the city of Buffalo. He organized sensitivity trainings for the police department, many of whose members he respected and liked. He also warned me to be careful whenever I interacted with the police, because he knew the dangers for a young black man were real. As events in Minneapolis have revealed, that danger has not changed. What has changed is technology: Today, cell phones document racial terror. That is why we see frustration, pain and anger rippling through our streets today. We should all feel the same.

But that frustration must not lead to fatalism or despair. We are not condemned to live this way forever. I recommend a different path — the path of love.

Our nation's heart breaks right now because we have strayed far from the path of love. Because love does not look like one man's knee on another man's neck, crushing the God-given life out of him. This is callous disregard for the life of another human being, shown in the willingness to snuff it out brutally as the unarmed victim pleads for mercy.

Love does not look like the harm being caused by some police or some protesters in our cities. Violence against any person is violence against a child of God, created in God's image. And that ultimately is violence against God, which is blasphemy — the denial of the God whose love is the root of genuine justice and true human dignity and equality. Love does not look like the silence and complicity of too many of us, who wish more for tranquillity than justice.

"What does love look like? Not like this." These words — spoken Thursday night by my friend Craig Loya, the newly elected Episcopal bishop of Minnesota — haunt me. I look at searing images of racialized violence across our country — against the backdrop of the ½ disproportionate number of covid-19 victims who are black, brown and native — and I cannot help but notice love's profound and tragic absence.

So what *is* the path of love? In times like these, how can we find it and follow it?

When I think about what love looks like, I see us channelling our holy rage into concrete, productive and powerful action. In this moment, love looks like voting for leadership at the local, state, and federal level that will help us to make lasting reform. Love looks like calling on officials and demanding they fulfil their duty to protect the dignity of every child of God.

Love looks like making the long-term commitment to racial healing, justice and truth-telling — knowing that, without intentional, ongoing intervention on the part of every person of good will, America will cling to its original, racist ways of being.

Love looks like working with local police departments to build relationships with the community and develop mechanisms that hold officers accountable. It means ensuring that no police officer with a history of unauthorized force or racialized violence is shielded and allowed to endanger the lives of those they've sworn to protect and serve. Love looks like all of us — people of every race and religion and national origin and political affiliation — standing up and saying "Enough! We can do better than this. We can *be* better than this."

What does love look like? I believe that is what Jesus of Nazareth taught us. It looks like the biblical Good Samaritan, an outsider who spends his time and money healing somebody he doesn't know or even like. What America has seen in the past several days may leave us wondering what we can possibly do in this moment to be good Samaritans — to help heal our country, even the parts we don't know or like. But we have the answer. Now is the time for a national renewal of the ideals of human equality, liberty, and justice for all. Now is the time to commit to cherishing and respecting all lives, and to honouring the dignity and infinite worth of every child of God. Now is the time for all of us to show — in our words, our actions, and our lives — what love really looks like.

*Bishop Michael Curry preached at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.*

## Calendar @ St Philip's

Today Sunday 14 June

Following 8am Eucharist – **Breakfast chat**: catch up over coffee and toast with other parishioners on Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84899905168>

Tuesday 16 June 2pm

**Prayer and Counsel** (Zoom) – Leslie Morshead Manor

Thursday 18 June 10am

**Eucharist**

Friday 19 June 5pm -7pm

**Happy Hour online**, for those who wish to catch up.  
[St Philip's Happy Hour link](#)

Sunday 21 June 8am

Third Sunday after Pentecost **Eucharist** streamed live on [Facebook](#) and then available on either our [YouTube](#) channel or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page:  
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## News

From the Bishop: The latest in my weekly reflections on the Gospel reading for this Sunday is available on YouTube. There is also a link to the video on the Diocesan website on the

'Keep Connected at a Distance' page: <https://anglicancg.org.au/keep-connected/>

I continue to be grateful for your fellowship and your service. In Jesus, +Mark

The Anglican News for June is now available.

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>



CALL FOR DONATIONS. Toora is a womens' refuge in our neighbourhood. We have helped Toora for many years through our donations of Pandora vouchers and everyday household necessities. Toora is asking for donations of linen such as bedlinen and towels, dining and cookware and office and school equipment for those working at home. If you have been cleaning out cupboards and have any of these items in good condition you could leave them with Susan at the Rectory or Valerie Kirk (m) 0450 840021/ (h) 5248 9059 and they will see that they get to the right place. As you will understand it is necessary to maintain discretion about Toora because of the sensitive nature of its work in the community.

Kerry-Anne



From Dr Brian McKinlay: My PhD was conferred on Friday 5 June. I write to thank the people of St Philip's who have cared for James and me while I have worked on this for the past three-and-a-half years while supporting James through illness and recovery. Family is a precious gift and we value it highly.

Below is a link on the Charles Sturt University Open Access portal to my thesis: "An Agenda for Joy: Rowan Williams's Theology of Conflict, Unity and Solidarity." I by no means ask that you read it all! There is an abstract on the website that will give you the gist!

<https://researchoutput.csu.edu.au/en/publications/an-agenda-for-joy-rowan-williamss-theology-of-conflict-unity-and->

The thesis explores a theology of conflict and disagreement through the work of the Anglican theologian Rowan Williams. It argues that conflict and unity are not opposed but are essential parts of the struggle for mutual recognition and solidarity. The thesis develops a theological concept of solidarity as a way of understanding both the unity of the church and struggles for the common good in society.

Thank you again for your kindness

My very best regards, Brian



I hope you are enjoying *Church Chat*. Thank you to all who contributed and thanks to Laura Wood our Editor for putting it all together. We would love to receive input from as many people as possible and are open to any suggestions. Please email Laura at [yourlaurawood@gmail.com](mailto:yourlaurawood@gmail.com) with your content and ideas for this week's issue.



News from Kenny and Candace: Kenny and I are doing well, despite Montreal being the COVID-19 hotspot in Canada. We are lucky to be able to work and do school from home, and to be living in a borough that's fairly far from where the majority of cases are located. Aside from going stir crazy in our little flat, we're safe! We also have some good news - we'll be expecting a little one at the end of November! We're pretty excited, and hoping and praying that the pandemic will run its course sooner rather than later.

*See their letter in the latest edition of Church Chat!*



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