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Sunday 28 March 2021 *Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion*

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on [Facebook](#) at 8.00am this morning. It will then be available on either our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au



Dear Friends,

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the Church's most solemn season. I hope that you have been able to engage with all that the Lenten season has offered and feel ready to immerse yourself in the great events that lie at the very heart of our faith.

In the preparations this year I have been aware more than ever of the emotion that is brought to the fore by the words, music and liturgy of these days. I can only imagine that the events of the last year are in some way finding some resolution, albeit somewhat painfully. I am very glad that the restrictions on congregational singing have been lifted and I am looking forward to giving full voice to our thanksgiving on Easter morning after the events of Thursday eve and Good Friday, and indeed of the year. Just as our lead up has been thorough, I am also mindful of how we keep Easter and prepare ourselves for Pentecost. More information on this soon.

On Good Friday there are a number of speaking parts as we listen to the Passion. There are also a number of readings at the Easter Vigil early on Sunday morning. If you would like to read please let me know.

This Sonnet by poet and priest Malcolm Guite rather captures the essence of today's celebration.
Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Every blessing *Martin*

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Gathering in God's name

We gather outside the church.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We begin this morning, the Great Week of the Christian year. During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection, by prayer and by works of love and self-denial. Today we come together with the Church throughout the world to call to mind, and to express in word and action, our Lord's Passover from death to life, which is the centre of the Easter mystery.

Today we greet him as our king, although we know that his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ entered into triumph into the holy city this day to complete his work as our messiah. Bless these branches and crosses ☐ that they may be signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our king, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who now lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (11:1-11).

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went

ahead and those who followed were shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymns (10am)

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Refrain

*All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King, To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, The King and Blessèd One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High, And mortal men and all things Created make reply.

Refrain

3. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems Before Thee we present.

Refrain

4. To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Refrain

5. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou
good and gracious King.

Refrain

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1. Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem,
Jesus, sitting on a donkey's back,
children waving branches, singing
'Happy is he that comes in the name of the Lord!'

2. Many people in Jerusalem
thought he should have come on a mighty horse
leading all the Jews to battle--
'Happy is he that comes in the name of the Lord!'

3. Many people in Jerusalem
were amazed to see such a quiet man
trotting, trotting on a donkey--
'Happy is he that comes in the name of the Lord!'

4. Trotting, trotting through Jerusalem,
Jesus, sitting on a donkey's back:

let us join the children singing
'Happy is he that comes in the name of the Lord!'

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 31:9-18

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

**For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing:
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14:1-15:27)

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, Marian, Margot, and David, 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 Bruce Wilson *Bishop*, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Allan Pound (28/1993), David Linaker (29/3/1996), Suzanne Lewis

(2/4/1999), Ronald Hall (3/4/2018), those whose memories are dear to us and those who have no one to remember them.

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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 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.

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 one another a sign of peace.

Hymn (10am): 341

Offertory

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.

The 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.

After the Preface:

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving continues:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

The Great Thanksgiving concludes:

...we worship you, Father eternal, 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

Jesus said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Mark 14:36

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

[When the clergy make their communion if you are watching from home 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>]

Hymn (10am): 347

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

Almighty God, may the mystery of the death of your Son which we celebrate in this Eucharist strengthen our faith and be a sure ground for hope. 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.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself that you find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✠ 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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

For Reflection

from <https://www.loyolapress.com/>

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Eucharist. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we traditionally read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance. Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death.

In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

News

The ACT Chief Health Officer regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. The web site offers the latest information on restrictions and regulations. <https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings%2022032021.pdf> [The latest guidance on this site dated 22 March is in the church foyer]. The situation however can evolve and change very quickly and we ask everyone coming to St Philip's to be aware of current restrictions and alerts.

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. The Sidepeople/Welcomers can assist anyone unable to check themselves in.

This year's sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** will take place on Saturday 10 April at Canberra Grammar School. The sitting has been reduced to one day and moved to Canberra to enable the Synod to meet under COVID SAFE guidelines.

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 cereal, biscuits, packeted Cup-a-Soup, olive oil, dry pulses, dishwashing liquid, honey, tins of tuna, tinned vegetables and tinned meat. Thank you!

The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign has received approval to hold its annual **Palm Sunday Rally** in support of more compassionate policies towards refugees. The rally will be held today, Sunday 28 March, at 1pm in Garema Place in Civic. Speakers will include Roberta Hamilton (Anglican priest from Goulburn) and Jack Waterford (columnist and former editor of *The Canberra Times*).

Exploring Faith Matters Would you like to join a small learning community to explore faith in a deeper way?

A new EFM group is being formed now on the Northside of Canberra at Holy Covenant Jamison. We are meeting on Thursday evenings, 7:30pm in the Rainbow Centre next to the Worship Centre and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us. EFM has a 4 year cycle with first year looking at the Old Testament, 2nd year New Testament, 3rd year Church History and 4th year Christian Ethics. We read and discuss the text, learn to think theologically, share worship and fellowship and grow in community together. You can come for a taste this Thursday night or email Merri Bacon on merri.bacon@bigpond.com or call Merri on 6251 1110. More information about EFM is also available at <https://www.efmaustralia.org/>

News from Parish Council

- Special General Meeting: A short Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held in the church at 11:15am on Sunday 2 May 2021 to: a) approve the Parish's 2021 budget; b) appoint a Parish Safety Officer; c) elect a People's Warden; and d) note the Rector's appointment of a Parish Council Member.
- Parish Safety Officer: Laura Wood has been put forward by Parish Council for the position of Parish Safety Officer. The role of the Parish Safety Officer is to implement the Work Health and

Safety Act 2011 (ACT) into our Parish. Under the Act, the nature of health and safety includes both physical and psychological safety. Under Diocesan guidelines, if anyone has any objections, they should lodge them with Revd. Martin at least two weeks before the Special General Meeting on May 2. Subject to receiving no objections, the appointment of Laura will be ratified at the SGM.

• **Maurice Nevile announces a new book.** I am delighted to announce the publication of 'Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith' (Coventry Press, Melb. 384 pages), written by my late wife Revd Susan Joy Nevile. Susan Joy was a deacon and writes from her extensive experience as a hospice/hospital pastoral carer, school chaplain, and family minister. In Susan Joy's words, the book is "my voice, on faith and how to live as a person of faith in this world". It is a collection of 86 story-oriented reflections, each focussed on a specific aspect of faith life (e.g. 'Called', 'Hope', 'Peace', 'Searching', 'Scarred'). Each reflection is accompanied by a directly-related prayer, and ends with a question or comment for thought or action. Stories are from the Bible, but also from life, literature, movies, and beyond. It is a book for personal or group contemplation, to support and develop one's faith. After Susan Joy passed away in August 2018, I discovered the extent of her writings and realised their nature and potential. I compiled, edited, organised, and prepared them as a coherent text for publication, drawing on my background as both an academic in the social sciences and as an academic editor. You can see more details about the book, and about Susan Joy, at her website <https://susanjoyneville.net/>. The book reflects closely the gifts of gentle wisdom and calm presence with which Susan Joy came alongside others. *If you would like to buy a copy please see Maurice who can offer a significant author discount.*

Our National Mission for 2021 and 2022 is an ABM project with Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns. This project continues our support for indigenous Australians and our value for education, we supported this Mission in 2015 and 2016.

"The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and men 18 years old and over, through study programs leading to Nationally Accredited Certificates in Theology and Ministry, Suicide Prevention in Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Addictions Management and Community Development."
(<https://www.wontulp.qld.edu.au/>)

The Wontulp-Bi-Buya College provides support services in the form of:

- Assistance for Indigenous church and community leaders through study programs (as mentioned above);
 - Regional visits by staff to provide training (where permitted);
 - Provision of college-owned devices that can be loaned out to students; and
 - Provision of online course delivery.

In 2019, the College had 156 enrolments, with roughly two thirds women and one third men. The overall completion rate from the College was 92% and the participation rate for 2020 remained high, even with the challenges of COVID-19. The College continued to provide remote learning opportunities when face-to-face learning could not be offered. We believe that this mission will be a great opportunity to support education assistance for Indigenous Peoples and increase necessary equipment supplies.

Envelopes are available at the rear of the church for your offering. We are also seeking donations of writing pens, colouring equipment & notebooks. These can be left at the back of the church. Thank you.

Pandora's will be closed over the Easter weekend - opening again on Saturday 10 April at 10am. Thank you to our team of helpers who prepared the shop for our Autumn/Winter launch held yesterday.

The Funeral for Bishop Bruce Wilson formerly assistant Bishop in this Diocese and Bishop of Bathurst will be held at St James' Church, King Street, Sydney, NSW on Monday 29th March 2021 at 10am. The officiant will be The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne (and formerly of this Diocese); and the Preacher will be our own The Reverend Canon Professor Scott Cowdell.

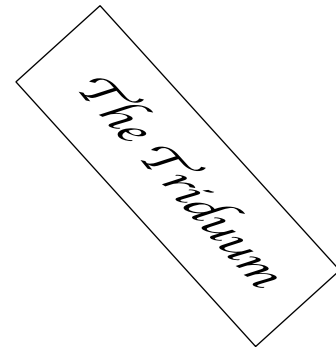
☐☐ *Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

The NSW Government and our Diocese announced last week a **further easing of COVID19 restrictions**. From today we are now able to sing in church. The protocols on distancing, cleaning and use of the CBR App remain. The 10am Sunday Eucharist will now include hymns and other music, the 8am will remain as a 'said' Eucharist. I'm sure many are gladdened by the thought of being able to sing at Easter. If you have any concerns, please talk to Martin or a member of the Parish Council.

This year's Easter celebrations will be particularly poignant given last year's lockdown and will be particularly joyful with the news that we are able to sing. **We are looking to decorate the church with a splendid flower display to express our joy.** If you would like to contribute towards the flower fund envelopes are available at the back of the church.

This week, Holy week & Easter @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
8am	Distribution of Palms & Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Procession of Palms & Eucharist
Tuesday 30 March	<i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>
10am	Morning Prayer & Lenten Study
12pm	Blessing of Oils, Reaffirmation of Vows and Eucharist @Cathedral St Saviour's Goulbourn
Thursday 1 April	Maundy Thursday
7pm	Eucharist - Washing of Feet & Watch of Prayer
Friday 2 April	Good Friday
9am	Morning Prayer
12pm	Liturgy of the Day - Way of the Cross & Holy Communion - <i>livestreamed</i>
Saturday 3 April	Holy Saturday
5pm	Reflection - Beethoven's 'Tempest' Sonata & Poetry
Sunday 4 April - Easter Day	<i>(Daylight saving ends)</i>
6am	Service of Light, Vigil & Eucharist - <i>Incense will be used at this liturgy</i>
8am	Easter Breakfast
9.30am	Festal Eucharist - <i>livestreamed</i>



Dates for your Diary

Special Parish General Meeting - Sunday 2 May, 11.15am

Next Sunday - Easter Day (4 April 2021)

Readings: (9.30am): Isaiah 25:6-9, Hymn to the Risen Christ, Acts 10:34-43, Mark 16:1-8

Roster

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	Sunday of Month	4th								1st		2nd			
	Liturgical Season	Palm Sunday		Maundy Thursday		Good Friday		Easter Eve / Holy Saturday		Easter Day		2nd Sunday of Easter			
	Flowers	Palms		Lent (no Flowers)		Lent (no Flowers)		Flower team		Flower team		Flower team			
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin								Rev'd Martin		Rev'd Martin			
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)														
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Tim & Shane								Fred A, Shane & Tim W		Alison & Alistair			
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian Mck								LA: Lisa C Deacon: Robin		Ellie P			
	1st Bible reader - OT	Julianne S								Julianne S		Alison D			
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Shane W								Brian Mck		Alistair D			
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	7pm: Maundy Thursday Service	Rev'd Martin	12pm: Liturgy of the Day	Rev'd Martin	5pm: Reflection	Rev'd Martin	9.30am: Festal Eucharist	Rev'd Martin		Rev'd Martin			
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)														
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Fred A, Sally A & helper		Leighton M & Fred A		Denise M & helper/s		Janene B & helper/s		Denise M, Nirmal F & helpers	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W				
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W								Crucifer: Zara Server: Leighton Deacon: Robin	Rebecca K				
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F		Colin F		Colin F		Colin F		Colin F	Colin F				
	1st Bible reader - OT	Denise M								Richard G	Tim G				
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Kerry-Anne C								Ashton R	Colin D				
	Morning Tea	Ann M		n/a		n/a		n/a		<i>no morning tea, Easter Breakfast between services</i>	Jan G				
	Additional details/notes			<i>Eucharist, Washing of the Feet & Watch of Prayer</i>		<i>Liturgy of the Day, Way of the Cross & Holy Communion</i>		<i>Reflection - Beethoven's Tempest sonata & Poetry</i>		<i>8am - 9.30 Easter Breakfast</i>	<i>School holidays</i>				