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**Sunday 23 January 2022**

# *Third Sunday after Epiphany*



*Welcome to St Philip's*

**St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan** - It is a requirement that everyone checks in via the *CBR Check In* app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople and Welcomers can check you in. We are asking all folk to be aware of the restrictions, to be careful and thorough with their hand hygiene, to be mindful of social distance and not to attend church if they feel unwell. We are now able to have up to 65 folk in church. Masks are mandated in the ACT and must be worn in places of worship.

**Pew sheet & Order of Service:** the Pew sheet including a complete order of service 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 service cards and a printed abridged Pew sheet 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: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

**Communion:** if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion, which at present is in 'one kind.' If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

### *Eucharist for the third Sunday after Epiphany*

#### **Introit Hymn (10am) 207 (TiS)**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice;  
people and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest;  
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Where he displays his healing power  
death and the curse are known no more;  
in him the tribes of Adam boast  
more blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.**

*Luke 4:18*

#### **Introductory Rites**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the love of God, 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.**

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy**

**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**

Let us pray:

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority:  
anoint us with your Spirit,  
that we too may bring good news to the poor,  
bind up the broken-hearted  
and proclaim liberty to the captive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Today's Readings**

*A reading from the book of Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)*

<sup>1</sup>all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

### *Psalm 19*

The heavens declare the glory of God:  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**One day tells it to another :  
and night to night communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language:  
nor are their voices heard;

**Yet their sound has gone out through all the world :  
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:  
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,  
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is at one end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to their farthest bound:  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:  
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:  
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:  
sweeter also than honey,  
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know his own unwitting sins?:  
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the mastery over me:  
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight:  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-31)*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

**Gradual Hymn (10am) 425 (TiS)**

Come, Spirit blest, our hearts inspire,  
let us your influence prove.  
source of the old prophetic fire,  
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, moved by you  
the prophets wrote and spoke;  
unlock the truth, yourself the key,  
unseal the sacred book.

Expand your wings, celestial dove,  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.

God, through himself, we then shall know,  
if you within us shine,  
and sound, with all your saints below,  
the depths of love divine.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and gives light to the eyes.

*Psalm 19:8*

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4:14-21)*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, David, Otto, Mandy, Bob, Noel, Claudia, Ermida and Molly, 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, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Jean Pound (26/01/2014), all 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.**

### **Offertory Hymn 137 (TiS)**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Refrain:*

*Christ, our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]  
For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight, [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For each perfect gift divine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces all of your design,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, [Refrain]

For the church that evermore,  
lifting holy hands above,  
offers up on every shore  
the pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917*

### **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 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.  
You anointed him as Messiah,  
the light of the nations,  
and revealed him as the hope  
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are 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.

In faith we acclaim you O Christ:

**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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and  
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

**'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to  
those for whom nothing is prepared.'**

*Nehemiah 8:10*

#### **Recessional Hymn 187 (TiS)**

Let all creation dance  
in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance,  
unfolding space and time  
for nature's art  
in glory grows,



and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

God's breath each force unfurls,  
igniting from a spark  
expanding starry swirls,  
with whirlpools dense and dark.  
Though moon and sun  
seem mindless things,  
each orbit sings:  
"Your will be done."

Our own amazing earth,  
with sunlight, cloud and storms  
and life's abundant growth  
in lovely shapes and forms,  
is made for praise,  
a fragile whole,  
and from its soul  
heav'n's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice:  
in Christ all praises meet  
and nature shall rejoice  
as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong.  
All life befriend  
and kindly tend  
creation's song.

*Brian Wren 1936-*

### **The Sending out of God's People**

God of the nations,  
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy Sacrament.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love.**

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world.  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### *Reflection*

Read the text, give the sense. Both matter. The first is given there on the page. The second is risky, a matter of prayer and the Spirit, a deep breath and taking the plunge.

History warns of wrong, sometimes dangerous interpretations. But interpretation is inevitable; not to interpret is still to interpret. History also remembers defining moments when text and interpretation together created a new world. Ezra and his colleagues read the law and explained it, creating not only post-exilic Judaism, but in a measure today's rabbinic Judaism. Jesus read Isaiah and interpreted it, setting the stage not only for his own career but also, in a measure, for his followers to our own time. What could be more dramatic than reading the law code to a

community, defining them as God's people in a new way, causing simultaneous tears and rejoicing? Perhaps only this: reading prophecies which spoke of future blessing, and then declaring that it was already starting to happen.

Ezra's message called forth weeping and celebrating; Jesus' sermon produced both antagonism and loyalty. Luke says that Jesus was already acting 'in the power of the Spirit;' when he applied Isaiah 61 to himself he wasn't simply promoting himself, but explaining what he had been doing. As with other prophecies, being misunderstood came with the package. Ezra had the governor's backing. Jesus stood alone, with Herod not far away, Rome on the Horizon, and hostile listeners ready to pounce. Whatever reception today's expositor may expect, the vocation is the same. Read the text and explain it. Expect it to create and define the community, to evoke joy and sorrow and opposition and enthusiasm. The text may be long forgotten, needing to be dusted down and re-presented. It may be well known, needing to be seen in a new light.

Paul's exposition of the unity of Christ's body provides a case in point. If it were read and expounded before mutually suspicious churches and Christian groupings of our own day; if it were applied in the power of the Spirit to our bizarre and often anachronistic divisions; should we weep in sorrow at our failure to live by it, or throw our hats in the air at the recognition of our real identity and mutual belonging? If someone declared to us that it was time at last for this scripture to be fulfilled, would we reject the proposal as dangerous and unworkable, or would we sign up, take the risks, and go with the new movement?

Paul grounds the unity of the Church in the one baptism into Christ's body. If we find it hard to explain the meaning of baptism today, perhaps this is because we are so used to thinking of different bodies that we can no longer hear what Paul is talking about. Where are today's Ezras called to read and to teach? Where are today's prophets, prepared to say 'Now is the moment for this to be fulfilled'?

+NT Wright

### *This week @ St Philip's*

Today	<i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
Thursday 27 January	<i>John Chrysostum, bishop of Constantinople (d.407)</i>
10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
Saturday 29 January	<i>Feria</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	<b>Eucharist</b> - Kankinya
Sunday 30 January	<i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
	<i>Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30</i>

### *Dates for your Diary*

Sunday 6 February	Deadline for AGM Reports
Wednesday 9 February	Parish Council
Sunday 27 February	Parish AGM
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday

# Roster

		<b>23-Jan-22</b>	<b>30-Jan-22</b>	<b>6-Feb-22</b>	
	Sunday of Month	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>1st</b>	
	Liturgical Season	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	4th Sunday after Epiphany	5th Sunday after Epiphany	
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team	
<b>8am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	<b>8am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Tim & Shane	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell	
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McK		Lisa C	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Susan J		Russell M	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Shane W		Margaret M	
<b>10am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	<b>10am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Fred A, Leighton M & helpers	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W	Tim G		
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Colin D	David R	Laura W	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Jeanette D-T	Kerry-Anne C	Tim G	
	Morning Tea	<i>self serve</i>	<i>self serve</i>	Anne M	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>	<i>School Holidays</i>			