



**St Philip's**  
*Come & See*

## *Good Friday Morning Prayer*

### **Friday 7 April, 9am**

#### *Welcome to St Philip's*

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

**St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan** [We are asking folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you.](#) Masks are available for those who wish to wear one.

**Pew sheet & Order of Service:** the full Pew sheet with more news and reflections 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. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also 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. If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

**If you'd like to volunteer** as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer or another role on the Roster, then please email [rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

#### *The order for Morning Prayer Good Friday*

*Please kneel or remain seated as the ministers enter.*

Through Christ us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
**the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**as in the beginning so now and forever. Amen.**

**We have complete freedom:  
to go into the most holy place by means of the death of Jesus.**

**He opened for us way a new way, a living way:  
through the curtain, through his own body.**

**Since we have a great priest  
set over the household of God:  
let us draw near with a sincere heart and a sure faith.**

**With hearts that have been made clean  
from a guilty conscience  
and bodies washed with pure water.**

*Hebrews 10:19-22*

I waited patiently for the Lord:  
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,  
out of the mire and clay:  
and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.**

And he has put a new song in my mouth:  
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

**Many shall see it and fear:  
and shall put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:  
who have not turned to the proud,  
or to those who wander in deceit.

**O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things  
which you have done,  
and your thoughts which are towards us:  
there is none to be compared with you;**

Were I to declare them and speak of them:  
they are more than I am able to express.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:  
but my ears you have marked for obedience;**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:  
then said I, Lo, I come.

**In the scroll of the book it is written of me,  
that I should do your will:**

**O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.**

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation:  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and that you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.**

I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:  
from the great congregation.

**O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:  
let your loving-kindness and your truth ever preserve me.**

For innumerable troubles have come upon me:  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

**They are more in number than the hairs of my head:  
therefore my heart fails me.**

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life to take it away:  
be put to shame and confounded altogether.**

Let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil:  
let them be aghast for shame who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

**Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:  
let those who love your salvation say always  
'The Lord is great.'**

As for me, I am poor and needy:  
but the Lord will care for me.

**You are my helper and my deliverer:  
make no long delay, O Lord my God.**

### ***A reading from the book of Genesis (22:1-18)***

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'<sup>2</sup>He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show

you.’<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ <sup>12</sup> He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’ <sup>15</sup> The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup> and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

### ***A reading from the gospel according to Matthew (27:32-54)***

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’

<sup>38</sup> Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup> ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”’ <sup>44</sup> The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

May your word live in us.

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.**

**By your cross and your life laid down,  
you set your people free:  
we look to you to save and help us.**

**When they were ready to perish,  
you saved your disciples:  
we look to you to come to our help.**

**In the greatness of your mercy,  
loose us from our chains,  
forgive the sins of all your people.**

**Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer;  
save and help us that we may praise you.**

**Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.**

**And when you come in your glory:  
make us to be one with you  
and to share the life of your kingdom.**

**Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.**

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.**

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, look graciously upon this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **A Litany**

For the times we have not loved as we are called to love:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we have cultivated doubt instead of hope:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times when selfishness, greed, and lust influence our decisions:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we nurture isolation instead of community:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we know the needs of others but refuse to act:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we are judgemental, self-righteous and hard of heart:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we create divisions:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we neglect to care for the Earth, our common home:

**Father, forgive.**

For the times we are not good stewards of the gifts you give us:

**Father, forgive.**

### **The Intercessions**

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

[For the Church]

In peace let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world that God the almighty Father will guide it, and gather it together in peace and tranquillity.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you have shown your glory to all nations in Christ your Son: guide the work of your Church, help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your name, and to bring your salvation to all people.

[For the clergy and laity of the Church]

Let us pray for Geoffrey our Primate, for Mark our Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, for all men and women who have a special ministry in the Church, for those preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for all God's people.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, by your Holy Spirit you teach your Church and make us holy: Help each of us to do your work more faithfully.

[For the unity of Christians]

Let us pray for all who share our faith in Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one community all those who sincerely seek the truth.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, by our baptism you made us one with Christ in the life of his Church: make us one with each other in faith, and love and service.

[For those who do not believe in God]

Let us pray for all who do not believe in God, that, in their seeking, they may find the one, true God.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you created man and woman in your image: may all who long to find you, and, in you, find their peace, come to acknowledge you as the maker and redeemer of us all.

[For those who do not know Christ]

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, whose Son was lifted up from the earth to draw all people to himself: enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to find the truth and to share in his mercy and grace.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

[For all in public office]  
Let us pray for all who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts so that all may live in peace and freedom.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you know the longings of our hearts and you desire justice for all: guide those in authority, that people everywhere may enjoy, and rightly use, freedom, security, and peace.

[For those in special need]  
Let us pray that the God from whom all tenderness and healing flow may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travellers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

*Silent prayer*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart: have mercy on all who are in trouble, that they may know the joy of receiving your help in their hour of need.

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be counted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Peace be to us all, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Ephesians 6:23

*At the conclusion of the liturgy the ministers and people leave in silence.  
The church will remain open for private prayer.*

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