



The prophet Jeremiah, Octavian Smigelschi c1900, The Museum of Fine Arts Budapest

The fifth Sunday after Pentecost 2 July 2023

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' our gifts are brought forward, an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer or support us through a regular 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.

To volunteer as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer or another role on the Roster then please email <u>rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au</u>

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From the Rector

Dear Friends

During the week the ABC's 'Religion and Ethics Report' aired a segment about the decline of the parish in the Church of England. Many parish priests and ministers are feeling increasingly abandoned by the Church, which they see as being more involved in the latest movements of our day rather than supporting grass roots parish life. Indeed, the programme cited statistics which claimed that the suicide rate among parish clergy was the second highest of any profession, an alarming statistic.

A London Vicar spoke of two dioceses that were planning a wholesale change which did away with parish structures all together in favour of large districts with clergy teams, this he claimed would be a disaster for those local communities.

Quoting Canon Scott in his essay 'Two Cheers for the parish' we need to keep our nerve. There is, he writes, something about the parish that presents us with just the challenges we need to grow in faith and maturity - if we let it. It is in the parish context that we can truly live out the gospel imperatives - hospitality, forgiveness, community and while I know that in the middle of a cold Canberra winter it is easy to stay away from our gatherings, this is where it happens, if we let it! In part this is what we are trying to do in our series 'An introduction to a missional spirituality' - re envision the local, the parish.

A few years ago a library of sorts was established in the foyer by Deacon Linda Anchell. It had largely fallen out of use and was rather tired looking. A range of new books has been obtained and are on offer for us to broaden our understanding of theology, liturgy, church history etc. Please feel free to make use of this resource.

Blessings to you all, Martin

Eucharist for the fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 256(TiS) **(10am)** From Heaven, you came helpless babe Entered our world, your glory veiled Not to be served but to serve And give your life that we might live

> *Refrain: This is our God, The Servant King He calls us now to follow Him To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears My heavy load he chose to bear His heart with sorrow was torn "Yet not my will but Yours", he said *Refrain* Come see His hands and His feet The scars that speak of sacrifice Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails surrendered

Refrain So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving Refrain

Graham Kendrick 1950-

Entrance Antiphon The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

In the name of the Father ${\bf \ensuremath{\mathbb B}}$ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **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.

Let us confess 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.

Gloria

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 righthand 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: O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (28:5-9)

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses: my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever: you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.
The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:
I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
'I will establish your line for ever: and build up your throne for all generations.'
Happy the people who know the triumphal shout: who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
They rejoice all the day long because of your name: because of your righteousness they are exalted.

For you are their glory and their strength: and our heads are uplifted by your favour. Our king belongs to the Lord: he that rules over us to the Holy One of Israel.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6:12-23)

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 608(TiS) (10am)

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to see the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountain side make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, and tread the city's streets again:

till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod, till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

Frank Mason North 1850-1935

Jeremiah 28:7

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia, **Alleluia!** Listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

Alleluia!

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:40-42) **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁴¹Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.' For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed 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 all in need, particularly: Ben, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Katherine, Matt, Wendy, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: George Forbes (2/7/2004) the victims of war and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

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.

Offertory Hymn 254(TiS) (10am)

O changeless Christ, for ever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still, O Christ of Galilee.

As wind and storm their Master heard and his command fulfilled, may troubled hearts receive your word, the tempest-tossed be stilled.

And as of old to all who prayed your healing hand was shown, so be your touch upon us laid, unseen but not unknown.

In broken bread, in wine outpoured, your new and living way proclaim to us, O risen Lord, O Christ of this our day.

O changeless Christ, till life is past your blessing still be given; then bring us home, to taste at last the timeless joys of heaven.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine. **Blessed be God for ever.** Timothy Dudley Smith 1926-

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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.

All thanks and praise, glory and honour, be yours at all times, in every place, holy and loving Father, true and living God.

We praise you that through your eternal Word you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image.

You have given us this earth to care for and delight in, and with its bounty you preserve our life.

We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race with the promises of a gracious covenant and called us to serve you in love and peace.

Above all we give you thanks for your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ: born as one of us, he lived our common life and offered his life to you in perfect obedience and trust.

By his death he delivered us from sin, brought us new life, and reconciled us to you and to one another.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with apostles and prophets, with holy men and women of every age, we proclaim your great and glorious name:

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, and be made one with him and with each other in peace and love. 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 forgiveness 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament renew us by your Spirit, that we may be united in the body of your Son and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom;

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we worship you, 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 the say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life.

Romans 6:13

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise. 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. **And also with you.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father \blacksquare 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.

Recessional hymn 201(TiS) (10am)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and, that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: ev'n eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert 1593-1633

Reflection

At present on Sundays we are hearing passages from Paul's letter to the Romans. This letter, or rather treatise, is one of the most important in the New Testament, but it is not always easy to follow. Paul's arguments are often dense and legalistic. Today we hear the striking statement 'The

wages of sin is death.' We might expect to see this on a sandwich board! But I wonder if Paul is not so much making a prediction as an observation! I hope this reflection helps...MJ

Humans are called not just to keep certain moral standards in the present and to enjoy God's presence here and hereafter, but to celebrate, worship, procreate, and take responsibility within the rich, vivid developing life of creation. According to Genesis, that is what humans were made for.

The diagnosis of the human plight is then not simply that humans have broken God's moral law, offending and insulting the Creator, whose image they bear—though that is true as well. This lawbreaking is a symptom of a much more serious disease.

Morality is important, but it isn't the whole story. Called to responsibility and authority within and over the creation, humans have turned their vocation upside down, giving worship and allegiance to forces and powers within creation itself. The name for this is idolatry.

The result is slavery and finally death. It isn't just that humans do wrong things and so incur punishment. This is one element of the larger problem, which isn't so much about a punishment that might seem almost arbitrary, perhaps even draconian; it is, rather, about direct consequences. When we worship and serve forces within the creation (the creation for which we were supposed to be responsible!), we hand over our power to other forces only too happy to usurp our position. We humans have thus, by abrogating our own vocation, handed our power and authority to nondivine and nonhuman forces, which have then run rampant, spoiling human lives, ravaging the beautiful creation, and doing their best to turn God's world into a hell (and hence into a place from which people might want to escape). As I indicated earlier, some of these "forces" are familiar (money, sex, power). Some are less familiar in the popular mind, not least the sense of a dark, accusing "power" standing behind all the rest.

Over the last generation or so, therefore, the Western world, including the church, has found the language of "sin" sorely inadequate, not least because, as Jesus said about the Pharisees, it often cleans up things on the surface while hiding a deep rottenness within. But we haven't yet decided what to put in its place.

Actually, the Bible has several different words for sin: "wickedness," "transgression,' and other terms for inappropriate or illegal behaviour. These words) all converge on the idea we sketched in the previous chapter: that humans were made for a purpose, that Israel was made for a purpose, and that humans and Israel alike have turned aside from that purpose, distorted the vision, and abused their vocation.

In the Bible, "sin"—for which there are various words in Hebrew—is the outworking of a prior disease, a prior disobedience: a failure of worship.

When humans sin, they hand to nondivine forces a power and authority that those forces were never supposed to have. And that is why, if God's plan is to rescue and restore his whole creation, with humans as the active agents in the middle of it, "sins" have to be dealt with. That is the only way by which the nondivine forces that usurp the human role in the world will lose their power. They will be starved of the oxygen that keeps them alive, that turns them from ordinary parts of God's creation into distorted and dangerous monsters.

> NT Wright from The Day the Revolution Began

News

St John's Care is seeking the following for its pantry: Small packets of sultanas, school lunch snacks, sweet biscuits, cooking oil, breakfast cereal, shampoo and conditioner The website: <u>https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/</u> provides information on how we can help.

The updated **Parish Directory** is now available in hard or soft copy. If you would like a PDF copy (for your personal use only) please email or speak with Alison. If there are any updates required, please amend the copy marked as such in the front foyer of the church or let Alison know.

St Philip's Rosters We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the various rostered roles that support our worship services. We need more assistance in the sanctuary, this can be any of the following roles: Liturgical assistant, Crucifer, Server and/or Communion Server. <u>We are also</u> looking for people who can operate the screen during a service, this is an easy job you can do from the pew! Training is available for any of the above tasks. Please chat to Martin or Leighton if you

Pandora's will celebrate Christmas in July on Saturday 29 July from 10am-1pm. Come along and browse and enjoy some warming treats!

The final seminar in our series **An introduction to a missional spirituality** will take place on Saturday 5 August at 1pm. We'll break for Afternoon tea during the session to enable us to chat and engage with one another.

This week @ St F	Philip's
Today	<i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)
Tuesday 4 July	Feria
10am-Noon	Men's Group
2pm	Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Weds 5 July	Feria
10am-noon	Pandora's Sorting & Preparation
Thursday 6 July	John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs (d. 1535)
10am	Eucharist (followed by Morning Tea)
Saturday 8 July	<i>Feria</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Morning Prayer – Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 9 July	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)
<i>Readings</i>	Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:14-25, Matthew:11:15-19, 25-30

Rosters

		2-Jul-23	9-Jul-23	16-Jul-23	
Sunday of Month		1st	2nd	3rd	
Liturgical Season		Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	6th Sunday after Pentecost	7th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant	_	Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	_
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople		Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	8
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)		8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Russell m	AlisonD	volunteer	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Scott			
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	
Liturgical Assistant	0am	Leighton (crucifer)	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin (Lit assistant)	10am
Audio Visual Operator	10				лĘ
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	Τ
1st Bible reader - OT		Liz D	Richard G	Ann M	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Colin D	Fiona D	Fred A	
Morning Tea		Ann M & Barbara G	Janene B	Liz D & Ann M	
Additional details/notes		School holidays	School holidays	School holidays	

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 July	7pm	Parish Council
Saturday 29 July	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Christmas in July
Saturday 5 August	1pm – 4pm	Missional Spirituality - Seminar 5
Fri 8 - Sun 10 Sept		Diocesan Synod Canberra, Girls Grammar School
Sunday 1 October		ANU Choral Society concert @ St Philip's