



Carols, 1872, Nikiforos Lytras. 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn' (Matthew 11: 17)

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9 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 past week we celebrated the lives of John Fisher and Thomas More, both of whom were martyred during the reign of Henry VIII. They both refused to take the Oath of Supremacy which declared Henry to be the Supreme Head of the Church of England, both were charged with treason and executed in 1535.

In 1929, the writer G.K. Chesterton said that Thomas More, "is important today, but he is not as important now as he will be in 100 years from today." This quote rather caught my attention. It is sometimes difficult to see past the hagiography of 'A man for all seasons' when dealing with the life of Thomas More. Hilary Mantel was rather harsh in her depiction of him in

Wolf Hall novels. I guess the truth, like in most things, is to be found mid-way between these two positions.

More spoke out against the authority of the day – the King, but also sought to reform the Church from within. He was, for his time, a progressive, a

humanist who followed the thinking of many of the renaissance thinkers of Europe particularly the scholarly Erasmus. I wonder if this is what Chesterton was predicting nearly 100 years ago: a revival in thinking about More, who fearlessly sought the truth in both Church and State. At his trial More reportedly said, 'I do nobody harm; I say none harm; I think none harm, but wish everybody good.' In an increasingly divisive world – secular and Church I wonder if More's legacy will be revived.

Blessings to you all, Martin.

Eucharist for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 127(TiS) **(10am)** Holy God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth your power proclaim, all in heaven above adore you; boundless is your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hear the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: 'Holy, holy, holy Lord!'

Holy Father, holy Son, holy Spirit, three we name you, while in essence only one, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

King of glory, God's own Son, humbly our poor nature sharing, now to save us you have come, all our sin and sorrow bearing; you have brought us saving grace, freed from guilt our sinful race.

Spare your people, Lord, we pray, by a thousand snares surrounded; keep us free from sin today, never let us be confounded: grant us with your saints a place; all our trust is in your grace.

Anon. German? 18th cent.

Entrance Antiphon

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11; 28,29

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God \blacksquare 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.

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you 承 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.

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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet 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 the prophet Zechariah (9:9-12) Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-14
The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness. **The Lord is loving to every one of us:**and his mercy is over all his works.
All creation praises you, O Lord :
and your faithful servants bless your name. **They speak of the glory of your kingdom:**and tell of your great might,
That the whole earth may know your mighty acts :
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.
The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (7:14-25)

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 585(TiS) (10am)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.' I came to Jesus as I was, so weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live.' I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.' I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar 1808-89

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia! Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you;

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:15-19, 25-30) Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you,

and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Zechariah 9:9

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 departed, 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 584(i) (TiS) (10am)

Just as I am, without one plea but that your blood was shed for me, and that you would my Saviour be, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind sight, riches, healing of the mind, yes, all I need, in you to find, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, you will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am - your love unknown has broken every barrier down now to be your, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; vou create the fruit of the vine. Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so with choirs of angels, with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

> 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, Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871

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

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Matthew 11:25

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect.

As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven;

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 ★ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace. Be humble in spirit, and take the yoke of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional hymn 571(TiS) (10am)

Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue, you, Lord, alone resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.

Each task your wisdom has assigned, still let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works your presence find, and prove your good and perfect will.

You may I set at my right hand; whose eyes my inmost substance view, I labour on at your command and offer all my works to you.

Give me to bear your easy yoke and every moment watch and pray and still to things eternal look, and hasten to your glorious day.

For you delightfully employ all that your bounteous grace has given,

Reflection

by John Squires from the website: An informed faith.

The Gospel according to Matthew, locates Jesus firmly within his historical context, as a teacher and prophet within Israel. He is the one who has come to renew the covenant, to restore Israel, to instruct them in the ways of righteous-justice. He is the one who brings the Law to fulfilment and establishes the way into the kingdom. This book has a high view of Jesus within that Jewish context. It positions Jesus as the most authoritative teacher in his community, the one who guides, directs, and inspires those who listen to him.

It is to the words of Jesus that believers are to look for guidance in their lives (7:24–27). In this Gospel, Jesus is the one and only teacher (23:8), the one and only instructor (23:10). Whilst "heaven and earth will pass away", the words spoken by Jesus will endure (24:35). The last words of Jesus reported in this book are the instructions from Jesus, to his disciples, to go to the nations, "teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (28:20). His teachings stand supreme.

In the lectionary today we find a striking passage from Matthew's Gospel (11:25–30) which defends this understanding of Jesus the Teacher. In this passage, Jesus offers a prayer to God in which he lays claim to this distinct, even unique, place. The first part of this passage (11:25-27) is often called "the Johannine Thunderbolt from a Synoptic Sky", because it seems so out of place in this Gospel; the language used ("Father" and "Son", amongst other things) invites comparison with the Fourth Gospel, as does the insistence on Jesus as the one who "knows the will of the Father" and thus reveals "the gracious will" of the Father (11:26-27). How these verses found their way into this particular Gospel is an intriguing question.

As this prayer continues (11:28-30), Jesus is depicted as laying claim to be the authoritative teacher; his words claim an absolute authority to interpret the Law, which is here portrayed as "the yoke", a term for the Law which is found in rabbinic writings.

Jesus here is portrayed as claiming this high authority for himself; his yoke provides a sure understanding of the Law. His language is filled with scriptural words; he speaks in a way that is strongly evocative of certain passages in the apocryphal Book of *Sirach* concerning Wisdom. In this book (200-250BC), Wisdom commands attention ("draw near to me", "come to me"), offers instruction, commands submission to the yoke of her teaching, and offers rest.

A hymn on the values of Wisdom concludes Sirach, with the invitation to "acquire wisdom for yourself ... put your neck under her yoke and let your souls receive instruction" (Sir 51:25-26). Earlier in the book, this invitation to learn from Wisdom had been issued by Wisdom herself: "come to me, you who desire me, and eat your fill of my fruits" (Sir 24:19). And in the opening chapters of this book, an extended poem in praise of wisdom includes the invitation to "come to her like one who plots and sows ... put your feet into her fetter and your neck into her collar, bend your shoulders and carry her, and do not fret under her bonds ... come to her with all your soul ... search out and seek ... when you get hold of her, do not let her go, for at last you will find the rest she gives, and you will be changed into joy for you" (Sir 6:19, 24-28).The poem continues, "then her fetters will become for you a strong defence and her collar a glorious robe; her yoke is a golden ornament, and her bonds a purple cord; you will wear her like a glorious robe and put her on like a splendid crown" (Sir 6:29-31).

So many of these phrases resonate in the words attributed to Jesus in the gospel (Matt 11:28-30). As he speaks, he claims the authority of Wisdom. His words provide insight, guidance, direction, as do the words of Wisdom in earlier Jewish traditions. Indeed, just a few verses earlier, the voice of Wisdom has been invoked by Jesus as he reflects on the criticisms he has received, as "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (11:19). The proof of the pudding is in the eating—"Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds", is what Jesus responds.

News

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.

St John's Care is seeking the following for its pantry: Cup a soup, UHT full cream milk, powered milk, sanitary items. The website: <u>https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/</u> provides more information on how we can help. Pandora's has continued to support this important outreach into our community.

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. We are also 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 can assist in any way.

This week @ St Philip's

	Sunday after Pentecost				
8am	Eucharist				
9am	Parish Breakfast				
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)				
Wednesday 12 July <i>Feria</i>					
10am-noon	Pandora's Sorting & Preparation				
7pm	Parish Council				
Thursday 13 July	Sidney James Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church				
	Aid Society (d.1935)				
10am	Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)				
Saturday 15 July	Feria				
10am-1pm	Pandora's				
11am	Eucharist – Canberra Aged Care				
Sunday 16 July	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost				
8am	Eucharist				
9am	Parish Breakfast				
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)				
<i>Readings:</i> Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew:13:1-9, 18-23					

Dates for your Diary

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	

Rosters

		9-Jul-23	16-Jul-23	23-Jul-23	
Sunday of Month		2nd	3rd	4th	
Liturgical Season		6th Sunday after Pentecost	7th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Scott		
Sidespeople	1_	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	Shane & Tim	8
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)		Brian M (Lit assistant)	8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		AlisonD	volunteer	Shane W	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Alistair D	Rebecca P	Shane W	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	Sally A & Richard G	
Liturgical Assistant	am	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin (Lit assistant)	Philippa W (Lit assistant)	10am
Audio Visual Operator	Ö				an
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Richard G	Ann M	Tim G	
2nd Bible reader - NT Morning Tea		Fiona D	Fred A	Jeanette D	
		Janene B	Liz D & Ann M	Jan G	
Additional details/notes		School holidays	School holidays		