



Jorge Cocco Santangelo is a prolific artist born in Argentina. He also lived in Europe and Mexico for many years and now resides in the US. His award-winning paintings and sculptures have been exhibited and acquired around the world by museums, churches, governments and important private collectors. Cocco calls his new style of painting "sacrocubism" because of the sacred subject matter he paints and because he uses some elements of the art movement known as "cubism". Cocco's style appeals to the spiritual intellect by synthesizing objects to simple, geometric shapes allowing the observers to center their attention on the essential and most holy. Rather than painting with a photographic or journalistic mind, this abstraction allows Cocco to better express emotions, feelings, and the transcendence of the events depicted.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 23 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

Last week in the pew sheet, I mentioned the supplement to the 'Together in Song' hymn book that we use, called 'Songs of Grace.' Well, miraculously four copies of the book arrived at the Rectory during the week! As I write I'm not sure who has purchased these books for us...so thank you, I'm very grateful. The Gradual hymn this morning at 10am is a contemporary hymn from Songs of Grace. It speaks of hidden promise: a flower from a bulb, a tree from a seed, spring from winter and as such it fits with the gospel passage, about wheat and weeds. I have chosen to sing the hymn to a traditional tune, but I hope in the future we can begin to learn some new ones.

Next Saturday Pandora's will celebrate 'Christmas in July.' An opportunity to decorate the shop, offer some hospitality to staff and customers and celebrate the success that is the ministry of Pandora's. I hope that many of you can come along and enjoy some fellowship, browse the racks, enjoy a glass of mulled wine or punch and support this outreach.

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month, we struggle to fill the rosters on these Sundays, so if you see a job that needs doing... If you would like to read, offer intercessions, be a welcomer, please do let me know or speak with Leighton, thank you.

Blessings to you all, Martin

Eucharist for the eighth Sunday after Pentecost Introit Hymn 242(TiS) (10am)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life, that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me;

Entrance Antiphon

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

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 ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands, as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Loru, nave mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins and keep you in life eternal. **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: Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 the prophet Isaiah (44:6-8) Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17 I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your abiding love toward me: and you have delivered my life from the lowest depths of the grave. The insolent, O God, have risen against me: a ruthless band seek my life, they have not set God before their eyes. But you, Lord, are a God gracious and compassionate: slow to anger, full of goodness and truth. Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant: and save the son of your handmaid. Show me some token of your goodness: that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:12-25)

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 800(Songs of Grace) (10am)

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the coldness of the winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth 1930-92

Gradual (8am) Alleluia,

Alleluia!

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 13:43

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:24-30, 36-43) Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! 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 year's mind falls at this time Michael Gamble (24/7/1997), Portia Vincent (26/7/1990), Ellen Mahony (29/7/2000), the victims of war, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

The Greeting of Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace

Offertory Hymn 534(TiS) (10am)

Love is His word, Love is His way, feasting with all, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again love only love is his way. *Refrain:*

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast. Christ at the table, host to the twelve love, only love, is his mark. *Refrain*

Love is his mark, love is His sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 'This is my body, this is my blood', love, only love is his sign. *Refrain*

Love is his sign, love is his news, 'Do this,' He said 'lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my life's blood,' love, only love, is his news. *Refrain*

'Love is his news, Love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, sisters and brothers, cousins and kin. Love, only love is his name. *Refrain*

Love is his name, love is his law, hear His command, all who are his, 'Love one another, I have loved you.' Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain* Love is his law, Love is his word, love of the Lord, Father, and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word. *Refrain*

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.

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation.

And now we give you thanks because in Christ, our risen Lord, the new creation is being brought to perfection, a broken world is being renewed, and creation itself will share in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, 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, Luke Connaughton 1917-79

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.

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

Show me some token of your goodness: because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, strengthen us who have received this holy food to be good stewards of your manifold grace; through him who came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many, 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 \blacksquare the Father \blacksquare the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn 611(TiS) (10am)

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; now fulfil your Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,

See the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation

Psalm 86:17

to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving you whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

Reflection

The subject, forgiveness, is hefty enough for Jesus to devote a well-known parable to it. In it, servants ask the master whether they should pull out weeds that have grown up within the wheat-field.

Forgiveness is letting go of an angering injury and giving God a chance to love.

"No," he replies. "If you pull up the weeds you might pull up the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."

So, if you or I have sinned, then we have weeds growing up along with the good that is in us. Would we like that failed part of us to be uprooted? No. Instead, God lets us develop, without destruction, steadily forgiving our weeds.

So, what kind of reality is forgiveness?

For one thing, it reverses an attitude at the bottom of entire ancient cultures and still perhaps at the root of modern entertainment. If someone harms me or my family (or ...), then I have the right and duty to destroy them. They are bad persons, not good, and no punishment is too severe. Do not get me wrong, this kind of "justice" does in fact work. Take a look at the heroes in movies fighting person to person across the tops of skyscrapers, bare-knuckle blows to the face, spinning kicks to the head, all leading ultimately of course to the fabulous plummet over the side, in which we are entertained with magnificent slow-motion shots of the crook's terror as he heads for the inevitable splotch. Justice is established. Everyone is relieved and happy.

Except, of course, the bad guy.

Just for fun, pretend that you are that bad guy. Is there a reason you are committing crimes, ones that merit such punishment? Is it possible that one part of you went haywire but that there is much good in you, much that could be brought back to life? Is there a part of you that says, "I wish I could stop this ugliness and be pardoned"?

If so, maybe you could look at the point of Sunday's Gospel. When someone hurts us with their wrongs (or vise versa), maybe we can avoid rushing up to them to rip out weeds. Mixed with all the crab grass there are lovely flowers, and God loves very much all that they are.

Look, the crimes we commit don't really agree totally with our inner self! None of the weeds growing up in us are wonderful, but they are only a part of who we are. Our urge to steal, to impress others falsely, to get what we want no matter what, to be lazy, petulant, or ... (please fill in the kind of wrong you yourself are drawn to). These are not a full description of who we are.

Let us do our best to tolerate the thorns and keep our hands off them. Our own weeds are treated with care. What if Jesus had said from the cross, "Father, damn them to hell forever because of what they are doing to me"? He said instead "forgive them, they know not what they do." He knew there was good wheat in them, even alongside terrible weeds.

Forgiveness is letting go of an angering injury and giving God a chance to love. Wouldn't you like to be loved and forgiven this way?

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News

The July Anglican News, has been published and is available https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/

Pandora's will celebrate Christmas in July next 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 in church. We'll break for Afternoon tea during the session to enable us

to chat and engage with one another. This is the last of the seminars and I hope from there we will be able to form some ideas about mission in our community.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of **St John's Care**, demand is high at present. The following items are being requested for the 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 is continuing to support this important community outreach.

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.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)
Weds 26 July	Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10am-noon	Pandora's Sorting & Preparation
Thursday 27 July	<i>Feria</i>
10am	Eucharist (followed by morning tea)
Saturday 29 July	Mary & Martha of Bethany
10am-1pm	Pandora's – Christmas in July
11am	Eucharist - Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 30 July	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)
Rea	adings: 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:44-58

Dates for your Diary

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

		23-Jul-23	30-Jul-23	6-Aug-23	
Sunday of Month		4th	5th	1st	
Liturgical Season		8th Sunday after Pentecost	9th Sunday after Pentecost	10th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople		Shane & Tim	volunteers	Margaret & Russell	8
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Brian M (Lit assistant)		Susan J (server)	8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Shane W	Susan J	Margaret M	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Shane W	volunteer	Russell M	
Celebrant	-	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Richard G & helpers	volunteers	Fred A & Janene B	
Liturgical Assistant	am	Philippa W (Lit assistant)			10am
Audio Visual Operator	07				am
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Tim G	Ashton R	Kerry-Anne C	
2nd Bible reader - NT	1	Jeanette D	Jos G	Richard G	
Morning Tea		Jan G	Helen P	Barbara G	
Additional details/notes					