



Hildegard of Bingen *Man in Sapphire Blue or The Trinity:* A Study in Compassion. From the book Scivias (1151AD)

Trinity SundaySunday 4 June 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 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

Flowers: The flowers in the baptistery are in loving memory of Ann Johnson

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From the Rector

Dear Friends

It could be argued that more theological ink has been spilt over the Trinity than any of the Church's doctrines. We sing about it; our prayers are Trinity shaped and we create endless ways of trying to describe it. Though it remains a mystery, it is at the very heart of the Christian imagination. God's very nature is love, communion and we who are made in God's image are called to reflect this in our lives.

So today rather than hear a sermon preached on the Trinity, Rebecca Kleinig will lead us in a reflection at both celebrations of the Eucharist. Rebecca has prepared this as part of her study – she is a Masters student at St Mark's and her reflection today is being recorded for assessment. There may be a representative from St Mark's at the 10am Eucharist. We look forward to hearing her reflection and wish her every success in her academic endeavours.

Denise Manley is worshipping with us this morning. Welcome back Denise, we hope you enjoy your stay and the weather is kind to you! We look forward to catching up.

Today we welcome into the Church through Baptism Elliotte-Bee Statton; we welcome too her family and friends, and assure them of our prayers.

Last Saturday we gathered for the third of our Seminars: An introduction to Missional Spirituality. The next seminar will be held earlier in the day and will include lunch, more on this soon.

Blessings to you all. Martin

Eucharist for Trinity Sunday Introit Hymn 132(TiS) (10am)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, early in the morning to you our praise shall be; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before you, God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you, though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,

you alone are holy, there is none beside you, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty, all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity.

Reginald Heber 1783-1826

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

Exodus 34:6

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God ♣ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, and also with you

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment.
And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought word and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, Who has promis

Who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you * and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the father, Lord God, Lamb of God, vou 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, vou alone are the Lord, vou 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 and everlasting God,

you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (34:1-8)

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' ⁶The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,

'The Lord, the Lord,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

7 keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children's children,
to the third and the fourth generation.'

8And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of the Three Young Men Blessed are you the God of our forebears: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you glorious in your holy temple:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depth: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 453(TiS) (10am)

1 We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind, to notions of our day and sect, crude, partial and confined: no, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred:

the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

Our faithful forebears searching went the first steps of the way; this was the dawning, yet to grow into this perfect day.

And grow it shall, our glorious sun will brighter rays afford:

the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word.

O Father, Son, and Spirit, send us increase from above; enlarge, expand all living souls to comprehend your love; and make us all go on to know, with nobler powers conferred, that you have yet more light and truth to break forth from your word.

George Rawson 1807-89

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to m'

Matthew 28:17

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

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.

Today we conclude our week of prayer for reconciliation. But we continue to pray for our nation and for the ongoing work of reconciliation:

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land,

we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity,

creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we give you thanks for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Terrence Woodward, those whose

anniversaries fall at this time: Ann Johnson (6/6/2005), Marie Lewis (7/6/2001), Gordon Arthur, bishop (9/6/1992), the victims of war and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

We pray for Elliotte-Bee Statton to be baptised today here at St Philip's and for her Mother Shaiah and her Godparents.

The Greeting of Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you,

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 179(TiS) (10am)

Praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace, Source and end of human knowledge, Force of goodness without cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, Power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry, Frees the captive, finds the lost, Heals the sick, upsets religion, Fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ's constant presence -Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us Liberating truth from pride, Forging bonds where race or gender, Age or nation dare divide. Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit, One God in Community, Calling us to leave behind Faith's ghettos and obscurity. Thus the world shall yet believe When shown Christ's vibrant unity.

John L Bell 1949-

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, give us the bread of everlasting life, and bless us and all we offer.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give out thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes ★ in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the 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.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
we worship you,
in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
Be 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

As this broken bread was once many grains which have been gathered together and made one bread:

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into our kingdom.

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

Agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do, proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit. 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.

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side and guide you in all truth and peace;

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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn 545(TiS) (10am)

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast; Heaven's own fare has fed the last and least; Christ's own peace is shared again on earth; God the Spirit fills us with new worth.

No more doubting, no more senseless dread: God's good self has graced our wine and bread; all the wonder heaven has kept in store, now is ours to keep for evermore.

Celebrate with saints who dine on high, witnesses that love can never die. 'Hallelujah!' – thus their voices ring: nothing less in gratitude we bring.

Praise the Maker, praise the Maker's Son, praise the Spirit – three yet ever one; praise the God whose food and friends avow Heav'n starts here! The kingdom beckons now!

John L. Bell 1949-

News

At this year's AGM we were asked to consider a draft **Parish Plan for 2023-2025**. At the April Parish Council meeting the plan was adopted and will be integrated into our strategies and projects.

As a reminder these five

elements were seen as central to our ongoing life together: spiritual, worship, missional, community and financial. At each meeting we will be using one or more of these 'nudges' to guide our discussions. In the pew sheet there will be news and reflections on the projects that we are undertaking that align with our plan.

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

Unfortunately last Friday, the St John's Care Centre was broken into. Several items key to the centre's operations were found to be missing including mobile phones, iPads and a laptop. These devices are used daily by staff and volunteers to access and update client records, and contact clients and specialist support services for referrals. It was also discovered that other items from the Centre had been stolen including supermarket gift cards, and gift cards for various retailers. Staff use the supermarket gift cards to assist clients with specific dietary requirements that the centre are not always able to cater for, and retail gift cards so that parents can purchase school uniforms for their children.

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Early last Wednesday the Centre was broken into once again through a smashed window. Despite the Centre alarm going off, the intruder left with some of the staff's personal belongings as well as many items donated by the public including food.

I hope that we can find ways of assisting St John's Care at this difficult time.

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.

The Men's Group will gather for a BEST breakfast (Bacon, egg, sausage and tomato!) on Saturday 17 June at 7.30am. The speaker will be The Revd Michael Cockayne from the Celebration Community in Queanbeyan.

Reflection

On the cover of our pew sheet is an illumination by the 12th century mystic, artist, musician and Abbess Hildegard von Bingen. When Hildegard began recounting her visionary experiences in her first book, *Scivias* ("Know the Ways"), her writings were accompanied by vivid, colourful illustrations which scholars believe she was involved on some level in producing—perhaps providing instruction to the artist(s). But even if these illuminations were not created under Hildegard's direct influence, they nevertheless are based on the detailed descriptions of her visions found in her own words.

One of those visions (the second one recorded in *Scivias*) depicts Christ as a sapphire blue figure, standing in the midst of two circles: one golden coloured, its diameter just about the same length as Christ's height; the other, larger one a lighter colour, surrounding and enfolding the smaller figure. These circles, in turn, are surrounded by a blue background and framework of floral designs. This striking image, according to Hildegard, is not just of Christ, but indeed is a vision of the Holy Trinity.

She describes this illumination in the following way: 'A most quiet light and in it burning with flashing fire the form of a man in sapphire blue.' We experience in this mandala much that is peaceful and powerful. Hildegard understands this mandala to represent the Divine Trinity. 'One light, three persons, one God,' she declares.

In another place Hildegard pictures the Trinity in this way. 'The Father is brightness and this brightness has a flashing forth and in this flashing forth is fire and these three are one. In this vision, she calls the creator a 'living light; the Son a 'flash of light;' the Spirit, 'fire.' She says that that this fore of the Holy Spirit binds all things together - ' the Holy Spirit streams through and ties together 'eternity' and 'equality' so that they are one.

Hildegard's theology of the Trinity, so energetically set forth in this mandala, is about the entrance of divine compassion into the world. Her Christology presented in this picture of the 'blue Christ' is rich and clear. Jesus Christ is the revelation of the compassion of God, the incarnation of divine compassion, the human person in whom divine compassion shines forth in a special way. All the Trinitarian energies in this picture find their culmination in the healing and extended hands of the man in blue.

The gold and silver circles in this image resemble rope. Hildegard herself refers to the 'web of the universe' on more than one occasion. Thus her golden rope tells us of the interconnectivity of all being and of divinity with creation and humanity.

Matthew Fox, 'Vision: the life and music of Hildegard von Bingen.'

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Today Trinity Sunday

8am Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)

10am Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)

Noon Holy Baptism - Elliotte-Bee Hollee Statton

Tuesday 6 June Feria*

10am-Noon Men's Group

Wednesday 7 June Feria*

10am-Noon Pandora's Sorting & Preparation

Thursday 8 June Corpus Christi

10am Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)

1.30pm Funeral, Norwood Park – Terrence Woodward RIP

Saturday 10 June Feria*

10am-1pm Pandora's

11am Morning Prayer - Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 11 June Second Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)

10am Eucharist with hymns (followed by Morning tea)

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

*A **Feria** is a day of the week other than Sunday or a feast day.

Rosters

		4-Jun-23	11-Jun-23	18-Jun-23	
Sunday of Month	1	1st	2nd	3rd	
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Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Margaret & Russell Susan J (server) Alison & Alistair Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)		Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople			Rhonda & Susan		
Liturgical Assistant	8am				8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S	4
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	10am
Liturgical Assistant	0am	Leighton (cruciter)	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin (Lit assistant)	
Audio Visual Operator			,		-
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Brian M	Fiona D	Fred A	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Jos G	Kerry C	Laura W	
Morning Tea		Ann M & Barbara G	Janene B	Liz D	
Additional details/notes			Monarch's birthday weekend		

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 17 June 7.30am – 9am The BEST Men's Breakfast

Saturday 24 June time TBC Missional Spirituality - Seminar 4

Saturday 29 July 10am – 1pm Pandora's Christmas in July

Saturday 5 August 2pm – 4pm Missional Spirituality - Seminar 5 Saturday 2 August 2pm – 4pm Missional Spirituality - Seminar 6

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Fri 8 - Sun 10 Sept Sunday 1 October Diocesan Synod Canberra, Girls Grammar School ANU Choral Society concert @ St Philip's