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From an album of 18th century Japanese watercolours of plants and landscapes. Wellcome Collection 23607i.

# The fourth Sunday after Pentecost 25 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' 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 rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary today are from the McCaskie family in loving memory of June Carnahan.

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends

As I write we are preparing for our next seminar in our Introduction to a Missional Spirituality series. Looking forward to catching up with many of you as we consider the context for mission in our time and place. It seems to me that all the best missionary endeavours involve finding out what people love, what they value, what they enjoy and then showing them how God is at work in these things It is not a case of bringing Jesus to people, rather showing them that he is already present.

We have been experimenting with a new Prayer of Thanksgiving over these past weeks. It is a well-crafted prayer, though a little long. Today we are going back in time and hearing a contemporary version of one of the earliest thanksgiving prayers, written by Hippolytus around 215AD. It is much shorter but importantly it offers us a tangible link with the very earliest eucharistic communities.

In recent times the Sunday 8am congregation has grown, as has the Thursday gathering. We need to turn our attention to the 10am Eucharist and are keen to hear your views on such things as day and time, music etc. Soon a short survey will be released to give you the opportunity to say what it is about the 10am eucharist that you value and what we might do better.

Our hymns today have a contemporary feel with three of them written by the popular English hymnodist Brian Wren.

Blessings to you all, Martin

## Eucharist for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Introit Hymn 489(TiS) (10am)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy.

Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe, restored and whole, will sing:

Alleluia!

John Brownlow Geyer 1932-

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God 4 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.

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.

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: 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** 

#### 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: Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; 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 Jeremiah (20:7-13) O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed: you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; evervone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. For the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-19

For your sake have I suffered reproach:

and shame has covered my face.

# I have become a stranger to my brothers: an alien to my own mother's sons.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up: and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen on me.

# I afflicted myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproach.

Let not the flood overwhelm me or the depths swallow me up: let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good:

#### turn to me, as your compassion is great.

Do not hide your face from your servant: for I am in trouble O be swift to answer me!

# Draw near to me and redeem me: O ransom me because of my enemies!

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6:1-11)

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual hymn 387(TiS) (10am)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-

#### Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

#### Alleluia!

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Matthew 10:27

#### Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (10:24-39)

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house

Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

- <sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- <sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
- <sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
- <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,
- and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
- <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
- <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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 especially Patricia Whitlock Hammond, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Marjorie Lowes (28/6/2001) and Harold Percival (28/6/2001), the victims of war and tragedy and those whose memories are dear to us.

#### 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 533** (t.247)(TiS) **(10am)**

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free; in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends; the love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord; his presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways; and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh: born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

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he was revealed as your Son. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might break the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your 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.

Holy and gracious God, accept our sacrifice of praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat: this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.' In remembrance of his death and resurrection, with this bread and this cup, we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church: gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries, filling them with your Spirit and confirming them in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for 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**

Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

#### The sending out of God's people

Let us pray:
Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional hymn 494(TiS) (10am)

In water we grow, secure in the womb, and speechlessly know love's safety and room. Baptizing and blessing we publish for good the freeing, caressing safe keeping of God.

In water we wash: the dirt of each day, its trouble and rush are carried away. In Christ re-created by love's cleansing art, self-will and self-hatred dissolve and depart.

In water we dive, and cannot draw breath, then surface alive, rebounding from death. Our old self goes under, in Christ dead and drowned. We rise, washed in wonder, by love clad and crowned.

In water we dwell, for by its deep flow through bloodstream and cell, we live, think, and grow. Praise God, love outflowing, whose well of new birth baptizes our knowing, and waters the earth.

Brian Arthur Wren 1936-

#### 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: <a href="https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/">https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/</a> 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. 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 May **Anglican News** has been published. The link to the page https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/

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# Reflection

Zeal for your house has eaten me up: and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen on me.

The Zeal of Thy House is a religious play written by Dorothy L. Sayers for the Festival of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in 1937. Sayers took her inspiration from a monk's account of the fire of 1174, and the subsequent rebuilding of Canterbury Cathedral Quire.

She portrays William of Sens, the chosen architect, as eaten away by pride in his splendid work, unable to give glory to God for his achievement. Enacted in the presence of a group of graciously influential archangels, the play reveals the carelessness of some of the monks, resulting in the

terrifying fall that cripples William. His agony brings him to repentance and gratitude before God, and finally to the renunciation of his role, leaving the completion of the rebuilding to others.

Today's passage from Matthew's gospel is set in the context of Jesus sending out his disciples like lambs in the midst of wolves. This missionary project Jesus calls us to is not easy, and not always particularly pleasant! It involves division and conflict, but if we can grasp that it is God's work through us, it is not for us to 'complete' but simply to further God's work in our time and place then we will find some comfort and meaning and purpose. It is not 'our' mission, it is God's mission as I have oft quoted, 'the Church doesn't have a mission, the mission has a Church.'

We are called to zealous in our desire for God's kingdom, but we must be always mindful that the work has already been done in the life and death and resurrection of Christ, our role is simply to proclaim it from the housetops!

## This week @ St Philip's

Today Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8am Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)

**10am Eucharist with hymns** (followed by Morning tea)

Tuesday 27 June *Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & teacher (d.444)* **2pm Eucharist** – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor

Weds 28 June Irenaeus of Lyons, bishop & teacher (d.c200)

10am-noon Pandora's Sorting & Preparation

Thursday 29 June SS Peter & Paul, apostles & martyrs

**10am Eucharist** (followed by morning tea)

Friday 30 June Feria

10.30am Funeral, Norwood Park – Patricia Whitlock Hammond RIP

Saturday 1 July Coming of the Light (first missionaries to the Torres Strait)

10am-1pm Pandora's - OPEN

**11am Eucharist** – Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 2 July Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**8am Eucharist** (followed by Breakfast)

**10am Eucharist with hymns** (followed by Morning tea)

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew:10-40-42

# 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

		25-Jun-23	2-Jul-23	9-Jul-23	
Sunday of Month	1	4th	1st	2nd	
Liturgical Season		Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	6th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople		Shane & Tim	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Brian M (Lit assistant)	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)	
Audio Visual Operator		•		-	
1st Bible reader - OT		Shane W	Russell m	AlisonD	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Shane W	Margaret M	Alistair D	$\blacksquare$
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Scott		
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Sally A & Richard G	Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	
Liturgical Assistant	аш	Philippa W (Lit assistant)	Leighton (crucifer)	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	
Audio Visual Operator	100				
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Jeannette D-T	Liz D	Richard G	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Lyn P	Colin D	Fiona D	
Morning Tea		Helen P	Ann M & Barbara G	Janene B	
Additional details/notes			School holidays	School holidays	