



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (2019), Jorge Cocco Santángelo (1936-)

Third Sunday in Lent

12 March 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

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Our new parish Council met for the first time during the week. Appointments were made, and we began the process of considering priorities. Those of you who attended this year's AGM would be aware of the issues that we face with the hall currently leased by the Kindergarten. This building has suffered neglect for many years and is in a poor state of repair. This project will be an important one for the Council during the year and I urge you to support initiatives for fund raising as we seek to renovate this building. The Council will also be seeking to ratify the Draft Parish Plan 2023-25 presented to the AGM and I encourage us all to be aware of the plan – what we value and what we strive for.

The Revd Lynda McMinn has announced her retirement from our neighbouring parish, All Saints Ainslie. The Parish is currently under the care of a locum The Rt Revd John Stead. We wish Lynda well and assure her of our prayers.

Following on from the first of our 'Introduction to a Missional Spirituality' Seminars a small group will gather this week to consider the seminar and how we might integrate what we have learnt into Parish life, consistent with our Parish Plan and what it might mean for the Mission of the Parish. The first seminar concerned the contemplative life – reading, reflection and stillness. Might we begin by establishing a small group to explore a contemplative way? If you have any thoughts please let me know.

Every blessing, Martin

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Eucharist for the third Sunday in Lent

Setting: St Philip's Eucharist, Colin Forbes

Introit hymn 569 (TiS) (10am)

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.
till all the world adore his sacred name.

William Williams 1717-91

Entrance antiphon

'The water that I will give,' says the Lord, 'will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

John 4:14

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.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins 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 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.

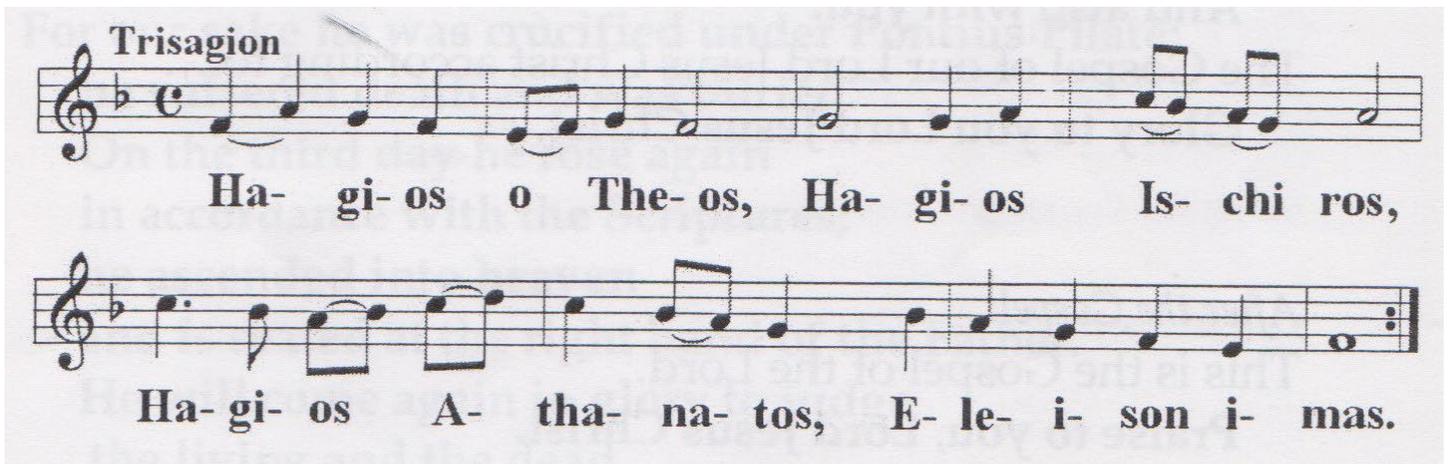
Kyrie (sung at 10am)

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Voice' and contains three lines of lyrics: '1. Lord have mer - cy on us, Lord have mer - cy', '2. Christ have mer - cy on us, Christ have mer - cy', and '3. Lord have mer - cy on us, Lord have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'on us, Lord Christ have mer - cy on us, on us, Lord have mer - cy on us, on us.' The music is written in a simple, clear style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Trisagion (sung at 10am)

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**



Prayer of the day

Let us pray:

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our saviour Jesus Christ:

stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Today's readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with

Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Psalms 95

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Today if only you would hear his voice
'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

`When your fathers tested me:
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

**'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
"It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways";**

`Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-11)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Gradual hymn 425(TiS) (10am)

Come, Spirit blest, our hearts inspire,
let us your influence prove.
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, moved by you
the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, yourself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

Expand your wings, celestial dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

God, through himself, we then shall know,
if you within us shine,
and sound, with all your saints below,
the depths of love divine.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

The Gradual (8am)

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

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God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John (4:5-42)

Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to

his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the church

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: Ian, John, Ben, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Katherine, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or residential care.

We pray for our international mission, the Vanuatu Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project. We pray especially:

- for the small staff of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and their many volunteers working on this project;
- for the communities whose health will benefit from the project;
- that we will be generous in supporting this important work of our sister Anglican Church in Vanuatu.
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We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Cousins (14/3/1994), Mary McDonnell (14/3/1999), Jean Parke (17/3/1987), the victims of war, disaster, pandemic and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

In your daily prayer this month, you might practice a contemplative method:

- Choose a prayer word or phrase that is simple
- Relax, then focus on your breathing. Allow the breath to come naturally.
- Rest in the presence of God in an attitude of love and emptying yourself of everything else that is worrying or otherwise unhelpful. The prayer word or phrase will help you to do this
- Begin to say prayer word or phrase repeatedly, gently.
- If any distractions or memories keep returning (as they will) gently put them aside with the prayer word.

- Be aware of God's presence and love.

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 each other the sign of peace.

Offertory hymn 474(TiS) (10am)

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

Marty Haugen 1950-

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.

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory,
and accept all we offer you this day;
through Jesus Christ our 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.

Sursum Corda (sung at 10am)

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.

Father all powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord

When he asked the woman of Samaria for a drink,
Christ had already prepared for her the gift of faith.
In his thirst to receive her faith
he awakened in her the fire of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying/singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus (sung at 10am)

**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.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav - en and earth are full of your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
High - est. Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each other
in peace and love.

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

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

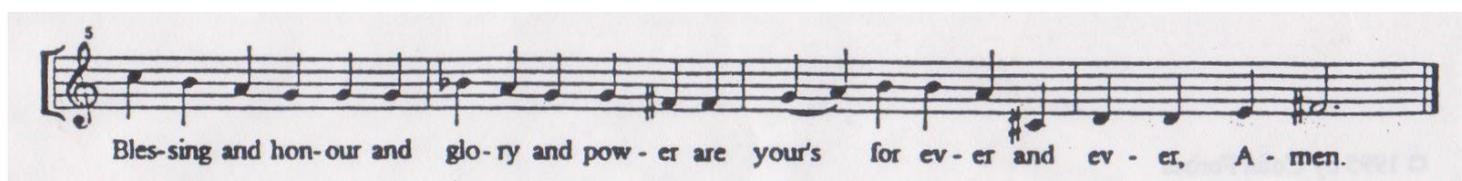
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
Proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

Acclamation (sung at 10am)
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

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

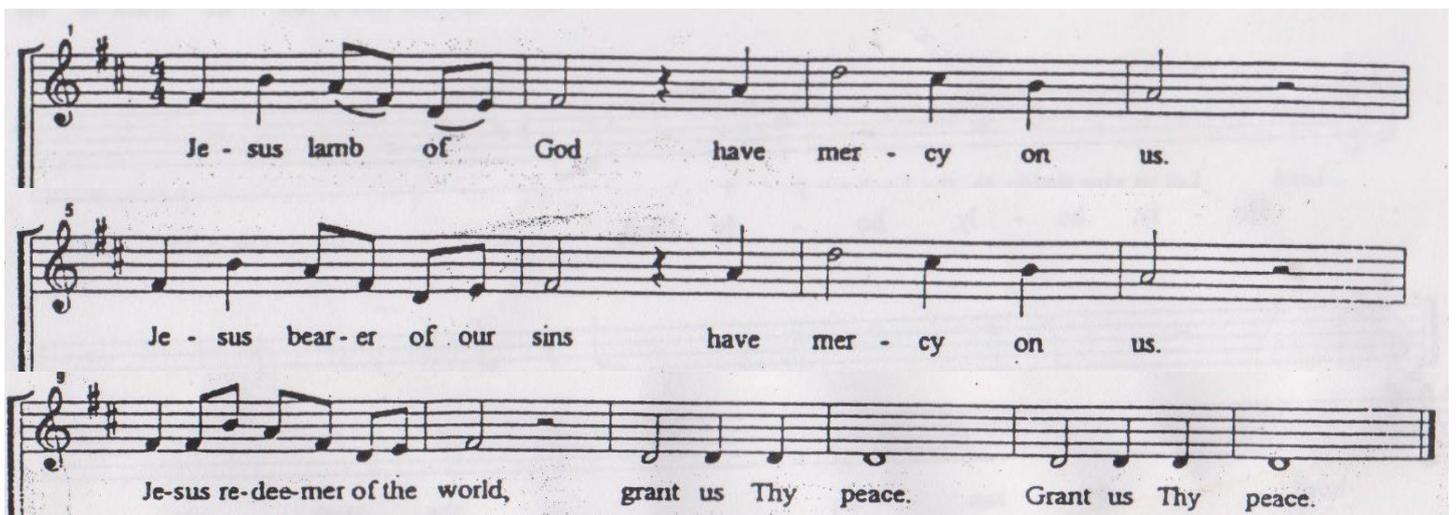
so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus Dei (sung at 10am)

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.



Je - sus lamb of God have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sins have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus re - dee - mer of the world, grant us Thy peace. Grant us Thy 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

Jesus said: 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.'

John 4:32

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray:

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.
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.

Christ our saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven
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 to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional 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.

Horatio Bonar 1808-89

News

The Revd Dr Colin Dundon has written for us *Creation to New Creation* a series of studies on the readings for each Sunday in Lent 2023. You will find each study linked week-by-week on the home page of our website. If you would like a printed copy please let Martin know.

Also on the website is a *Lenten Calendar of Reflections, 2023* — Bible readings, art, music, and a reflection for every day in Lent, compiled by
Dr Brian McKinlay.

This Lent I hope you will make use of our website for study and reflection. You can use it in your own time, at your own pace. Share it with someone outside the parish, use it for discussion around the dinner table.

Our website continues to be an extraordinary resource. Brian has been Webkeeper for many years and is keen to begin a process of succession. If you are interested in this ministry please speak with Brian and he will be happy to talk to you about the website, its history and its future.

The Palm Sunday Rally will once again be held on Palm Sunday – 2 April at 1pm in Garema Place. The rally highlights the plight of refugees in this country and calls for kinder and more

compassionate policies towards those who come among us seeking asylum. Speakers at this year's rally will include The Revd Dr Katherine Rainger (Anglican Chaplain at Radford College), Zahra Hashimi Barat (an Iranian refugee who, with her husband and three young children, was detained for five years on Nauru but was evacuated to Australia for medical treatment) and Senator David Pocock (independent senator for the ACT).

Our commitment to supporting **St John's Care** continues. Items needed at present include: UHT Full Cream 1 litre milk, Powdered Milk, Jam/Honey/Vegemite, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Canned Tuna, School Snacks, Packet Soup, 1kg Rice, Tinned Chunky Soups, Pasta Sauce, Milo (or drinking chocolate) Toothpaste, Shampoo & Conditioner, Coffee - 100gm jar.

The Director of St John's Care, Jason Haines reports a significant increase in request for assistance, coupled with a decrease in donations; those seeking assistance also represent a very different demographic, with differing needs from that which he has experienced in recent times.

The St John's Care website <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/> provides information on their services and how we can help.

Pandora's Autumn/Winter Launch will be held on Saturday 29 April, 10am-2pm. Please note the change of date to avoid the ANZAC Day long weekend.

Reflection

The story of the 'nameless' Samaritan Woman at the Well, recorded only in the Gospel of St John, is full of truths and powerful lessons. An outcast in her own community, the Samaritan woman even despised herself, but Jesus recognised her spiritual thirst and engaged with her. The grace of God is always there for everyone. Regardless of the entanglements of our lives, He values all of us enough to actively seek us, to draw us to His intimacy. There are many people who thirst for healing, but they do not know how to go about encountering Jesus – perhaps they are too afraid, unsure or embarrassed to talk to God; perhaps they feel excluded or intimidated by others whose main agenda is to recognise and highlight their faults.

Reflections for discussion and consideration:

As we reflect on this reading, we may wish to contemplate our Parish Plan which is the final stages of drafting, this is 'Our Frame':

At St Philip's ...

We glorify God and make disciples by creating a community where we live the love of Christ.

Our vision is ...

Everyone wants a place where they feel they can belong. We want to be that place.

Our mission is to ...

Connect people who are searching into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we follow Christ we value ...

Inclusion – We respect the individual and embrace and honour diversity.

Relevance – We promote Christ as central for our community, our world and ourselves.

Caring – We share Christ's love through welcome, hospitality, service and stewardship.

Relationships – We build nurturing connections with God, each other and the wider community.

Worship – We provide a space for people to celebrate and grow in the healing love and grace of Christ.

We strive for ...

A relationship with the triune God that is personal and daily.

A relationship with others that is respectful and caring.

A relationship with the world that engages neighbours and nations.

A commitment to worship, fellowship and service.

We can find in the story of the Samaritan much which resonates with our Parish Plan and ethos.

Many people feel isolated in some way - be it in their community, their family, their workplace or in society. In the knowledge that Jesus loves us where we are, but loves us too much to leave us where we are, how might Jesus' encounter with the Woman at the Well teach or inspire our parish community to recognise and engage with those who feel isolated?

We often assume, perhaps from outward appearances, that we know what is going on in the lives of others. We often judge others from what we know of them. In what ways does today's Gospel teach us on the dangers of such assumptions and judgements?

Many people are searching for meaning in their lives; there are many for whom God may seem distant. The spiritual thirst of the Samaritan woman was recognised by Jesus. Through their encounter, she was enabled and inspired to undertake a very pivotal role in her community, drawing others to meet Jesus. At recent Clergy gatherings we have been asked to pray for a greater involvement of women at all levels in our Diocese. How can our parish recognise and offer continued support?

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
8am	Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)
10am	Sung Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)
Tuesday 14 March	<i>Feria of Lent</i>
2pm	Eucharist - Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Wednesday 15 March	<i>Feria of Lent</i>
10am-Noon	Pandora's sorting & preparation
Thursday 16 March	<i>Feria of Lent</i>
10am	Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)
Saturday 17 March	<i>Feria of Lent</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am Eucharist	Eucharist - Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 19 March	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent (Refreshment Sunday)</i>
8am	Eucharist (followed by Breakfast)
10am	Sung Eucharist (followed by Morning tea)
<i>Readings: Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41</i>	

For your Diary

Saturday 25 March 2 – 4pm Missional Spirituality - Seminar 2

Holy Week and Easter Services at St Philip's – 2023

Sunday 2 April – Passion Sunday of the Palms

8am: Eucharist & Blessing of Palms
10am: Eucharist & Blessing and Procession of Palms

6 April – Maundy Thursday

7pm: Eucharist, Washing of the Feet, and Watch of Prayer

7 April – Good Friday

9am: Morning Prayer
12pm (Noon) Liturgy of the Day, Way of the Cross and Holy Communion

8 April – Holy Saturday

5pm Easter Music offering - *more details soon*

9 April – Easter Day

6.30am: Lighting of the new fire & the First Eucharist of Easter
from 8am: Easter Breakfast: *all welcome, suggested donation of \$10 per person*
9.30am: Festal Eucharist

Donations for Easter Flowers gratefully received.

Saturday 29 April Pandora's Autumn/Winter Launch

Sunday 7 May SS Philip & James – Patronal Festival

Saturday 27 May 2 – 4pm Missional Spirituality - Seminar 3

Rosters

		12-Mar-23	19-Mar-23	26-Mar-23	
	Sunday of Month	2nd	3rd	4th	
	Liturgical Season	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent	
	Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	Shane & Tim	
	Liturgical Assistant	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)	?		
	Audio Visual Operator				
	1st Bible reader - OT	Alison D	Julianne S	Shane W	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Alistair D	Rebecca P	Shane W	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	Richard G & Sally A	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Tim G (server)	Philippa W (Lit assistant)	
	Audio Visual Operator				
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Jeanette D	Jos G	Kerry-Anne	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Rev'd Lyn	Liz D	Richard G	
	Morning Tea	Liz D	Jan G	Helen P	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>					

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