



The Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost 22 October 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

Thank you to those of you who attended last Sunday's Special Parish Meeting. Chris Cheah has

been elected to the Clergy Appointment Board, joining Alison Davidson and Sarah Gowty. See the 'News' section below on further information regarding the process of electing a new Rector.

The result of last weekend's Referendum was for many extremely disappointing. There are many in the parish with differing views on the nature of 'the Voice' proposal. However clearly we are of one mind in our concern for the indigenous peoples of this land, their proper recognition and the need to close the gap in areas such as education, health care, life expectancy, incarceration rates etc. If any good is to come from the referendum, I hope and pray it is a greater awareness of the issues faced by the indigenous population.

Last year in the parish a study group, using resources from ABM, reflected on the Statement from the Heart. The resources from that study are still available and remain pertinent. If you would like to look through that material, please let me know. Today at the Eucharist we will use resources from the Prayer Book relating to this nation and its people.

Every blessing to you all, Martin

Eucharist for the twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 658 (TiS) (10am) I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Daniel Schutte 1947-

Entrance Antiphon Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21

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.

Though Christ has called us into one body, the oneness of the peoples of this land has been broken by acts of oppression and the failure of compassion.

Let us confess our brokenness, confident in God's power and promise to make us whole.

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 eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the righthand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (45:1-7) Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before himand the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9

O sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations: and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Majesty and glory are before him:

beauty and power are in his sanctuary.

Render to the Lord, you families of the nations: render to the Lord glory and might.

Render to the Lord the honour due to his name: bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1:1-10)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,

constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he haschosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 390 (TiS) (10am)

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain.* Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward: New life for all, alleluia! *Refrain*.

Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

Donald E Fishel 1950-

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

The message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:15-33)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ²⁴ Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother.²⁶The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.'

²⁹Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³²"I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' ³³And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching. 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, Ian, 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: Majorie Sheehan (23/10/2001), Irene Smith (25/10/2019), Ros Dalziell (25/10/2021), David Reid (27/10/1994), Joan Anderson (28/10/2020); the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

We pray for our Wardens, Councillors and Clergy Appointments Board members at this time in the life of our Parish Community:

Bountiful God, give to this parish, a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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 454 (TiS) (10am)

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness, high on his heart he will bear it for you, comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness, guiding your steps in the way best for you.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth you would reckon to own: truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us 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 set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever

Lord, bless our offering as we celebrate this memorial of our salvation. May this sacrament of your love unite us more closely to you and to each other. 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.

All glory and honour , thanks and praise, be yours now and always, Lord of every time and place, God beyond our dreaming.

We give you thanks that from the very beginning of time, your Spirit has brooded over this ancient land.

In the fullness of time you revealed your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

We give you thanks that in him you have revealed to us your presence in the vastness of this land, your love in its fruitfulness, and your purpose in it cycles of death and renewed life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.

Holy and gracious God, All creation rightly gives you praise. All life all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father of all.

Hear us merciful Lord:

through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise; and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, sanctify this bread and wine, that we who partake in this holy sacrament may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who when his hour had come,

on the night before he went up to the cross to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world, took bread; and gave 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.'

In the same way after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying, 'Drink 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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore in obedience to his command, we commemorate and celebrate his saving passion and death his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven and we eagerly await his coming again in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone you have accepted us in Christ and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight. Through Christ receive this our duty and service, and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts may, by your Holy Spirit be one body in Christ, and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy, bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom with all the company of the redeemed. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ. our Lord,

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, 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 Majesty and glory are before him: beauty and power are in his sanctuary.

Psalm 130

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, you have created all humanity in your image and likeness, and have revealed your plan and purpose in calling us your friends and family. As we have shared this holy meal, inspire our hearts to see every man, woman and child given the dignity and value which is your purpose and gift; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of this ancient land, through baptism you have given us an inheritance into one family, give us grace to walk together in the unity of Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father \clubsuit 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 672 (TiS) (10am)

Lord of earth and all creation, Let your love possess our land: Wealth, and freedom, far horizons, Mountain, forest, shining sand: May we share, in faith and friendship, Gifts unmeasured from your hand.

People of the ancient Dreamtime, They who found this country first, Ask with those, the later comers, Will our dream be blessed or cursed? Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living, Hope for which our children thirst. Lord, life-giving healing Spirit, On our hurts your mercy shower; Lead us by your inward dwelling, Guiding, guarding, every hour. Bless and keep our land Australia: In your will her peace and power.

Michael Rayner Thwaites & Honor Mary Thwaites.

News

Update on Rector appointment processes. Following on from last week's Special Parish Meeting the next step in the process for appointing a Rector is a Parish consultation. The Archdeacon, Paul Cohen will chair a meeting for all Parishioners, which will be held on 3 December following the 10am Eucharist. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit ideas about your hopes for the Parish and what characteristics you would like in a new Rector. These ideas will feed into the preparation of a broader profile of the Parish to inform the Clergy Appointment Board in their deliberations. The parish representation on that board will be Chris Cheah, Alison Davidson and Sarah Gowty. The Rev'd Emma Street will act as Locum during the interregnum.

St John's Care are in need of quality bedding: linen, doonas, or blankets in good clean condition, they are also in need of pet food which is very much in demand. Donations are also now being sought for Christmas.

Food Items: cereal, fruit cups, school lunch snacks, jam, sardines. Christmas Presents... Gift cards for teens, Lego, Sports Equipment, Dolls, Figurines, Board games, Arts & Crafts.

David Pereira 70 Not Out! Presents Rachel Scott's Bach in the Dark: CELLISSIMO! Sunday 29th October, 1:00pm in The Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Featuring David Pereira, Rachel Scott, Enola Jefferis, Eloise Ng, Emma Dauparas, Zachary Connor presenting works by JS Bach and Gabriel Faure. Go to <u>davidpereira.com.au</u> for tickets.

Reflection

Much interpretation of Jesus' saying has separated the two spheres of the authority of God and the authority of the emperor—or successive political powers that have taken his place. We render unto Caesar what is his due (for example in paying taxes), and quite separately we render unto God what is his due (for example in pious devotion and church attendance). In this reading, what God requires of us and what Caesar requires of us are quite separate, so that our political, economic and social lives are separate from our religious lives. This has been a distinctive approach of post-Enlightenment modernity, where the religious becomes an interest or a hobby, or even a set of important and motivating personal convictions—but it can never make claims over the political realm. It is private rather than public truth.

Yet Jesus clearly believes that 'the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it' (Ps 24.1). Whatever power the emperor or any other ruler has, they have it only because it has been delegated to them by God, as Jesus says explicitly to Pilate during the trial narrative in the Fourth Gospel (John 19.11).

Thus, the sphere of influence and power of Caesar doesn't sit so much as a complete system as a rival to the power of God, nor does it sit as an alternative sphere of activity an authority separate from the concerns of the kingdom. Instead, it rightly sits *within* the concerns of God and his authority. This means that there is no one political system or ideology which has a monopoly on kingdom realities (as in the first approach)—but neither is any regime free from scrutiny.

We should treat political and economic systems with due respect (Romans 13), acknowledging the source of all true authority, and recognising the purposes of good government under the authority of God. But we also need to be alert to the moments, in all political systems, where Caesar claims more power than is his due, and seeks to displace the kingdom and take the role of God in the offer he makes or the loyalty he demands. Whilst we render to Caesar what is his legitimate due, that must also sit in accountability to our higher duty to render to God what is his due.

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This week @ St Philip's

Today Twen	ty first Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)
Wednesday 25 October	Feria
10am-Noon	Pandora's Preparation and sorting
Thursday 26 October	Feria
10am	Eucharist (followed by morning tea)
Saturday 28 October	Simon & Jude, apostle s and martyrs
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Eucharist - Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 29 October	Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)
<i>Readings:</i> Lev	iticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13, Matthew 22:34-46
Dates for your Diary	

Saturday 11 November	Remembrance Sunday St Philip's Advent Dinner and Rev'd Martin & Susan's farewe		
Sunday 12 November		Remembrance Sunday	
Saturday 25 November		St Philip's Advent Dinner and Rev'd Martin & Susan's farewell	
Sunday 26 November		Christ the King, Rev'd Martin's final services @ St Philip's	
Sunday 3 December	11.15am	Parish Consultation meeting	

Rosters

		22-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	5-Nov-23	
Sunday of Month	1	4th	5th	1st	
Liturgical Season		21st Sunday after Pentecost	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Judy L	Judy L	Susan J	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople	ε	Shane & Tim		Margaret & Russell	8am
Liturgical Assistant	8aı			Susan J (server)	B
Audio Visual Operator	~	?	?	?	
1st Bible reader - OT		Shane W	volunteer	Russell M	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Shane W	Susan J	Margaret M	_
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Sally A & Richard G	Volunteers	Fred A & Janene B	
Liturgical Assistant	ε	Leighton (crucifer)	?	?	1
Audio Visual Operator	0al	?	?	?	10am
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Ē	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	3
1st Bible reader - OT		Ashton R	Rev'd Colin	Laura W	
2nd Bible reader - NT] [Kerry Anne C	Laura W	Ann M	
Morning Tea		Volunteers	Volunteers	Barbara G	
Additional details/notes					