



Karla Dornacher, Psalm 1 Tree Planted by Rivers of Water, Print on paper.

The Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost 29 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.

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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.

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From the Rector

Dear Friends

During the recent Diocesan Synod and again over the past couple of weeks, particularly since the referendum, members of the parish have spoken to me on the meaning of the word reconciliation, a much-used word in our time. There has been some reflection on whether we really know what we trying to achieve when we speak of this word. What does this reconciliation look like, is it a useful word? This might seem like pedantry but I think it is important for us to understand the nature of the task we have.

When I think of being reconciled to God, I immediately turn to St Paul who proclaimed a reconciliation with God that demolished the walls that separated humanity from God, others, and the created world. It describes a repentance a *turning back* to God and to one another.

Last week I attended a public lecture with the indigenous Christian leader Brooke Prentis at Burgmann College, ANU. She reminded us that in our coming together we are not seeking to restore something that has been lost, but we are seeking something new. The process is perhaps best described as 'conciliation.' In law conciliation is the settling of a dispute without litigation.

Following on from the referendum let us hope and pray for such a process to enable us to discover a *new way* in which we might fully recognise the indigenous peoples of this continent and islands.

Every blessing to you all, Martin

Eucharist for the twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 477 (TiS) **(10am)** Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song and prayer, we affirm God's promised presence where his people live and care. Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all, sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall. Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear ; tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other, found in him are no divides. Race and class creed and sex and language Such are barriers he derides. Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth; join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

John L. Bell 1949-Graham Maule 1958-

Entrance Antiphon

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets

Matthew 22:37-40

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.

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins, saying together,

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 \bigstar 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.

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,

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, whose son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Leviticus (19:1-2, 15-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners,

nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord:

and on that law will they ponder day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yields their fruit in due season.

Their leaves also shall not wither:

and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (2:1-13)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

⁹ You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers.¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. For the word of the Lord.
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Gradual hymn 139 (TiS) (10am)

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O wide-embracing, wondrous love, We read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read your power to bless and save ev'n in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way; eternal love, in you we rest, for ever safe, for ever blest.

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

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When you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34-46)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'³⁷He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Ian, Katherine, Matt, Wendy, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Sarah Mary Jones, Shirley Crombie and Geoff Mannall, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Ted Moore (31/10/2003), Marjorie Dixon (2/11/1975), Frances Trivett (3/11/1998), Keith Sen (4/11/1986), 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 534 (TiS) (10am)

Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with men, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, Love, only love, is his way. *Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord: better than splendour and wealth.*

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

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

Love is his sign, love is his news, "Do this," he said, "lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood." Love, only love, is his news. *Refrain*

Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, family, brethren, cousins and kin. Love, only love, is his name. *Refrain*

Love is his name, love is his law. Hear his command, all who are his: "Love one another, I have loved you." Love, only love, is his law. *Refrain*

Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one. Love, only love, is his word. *Refrain*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: 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.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

> 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

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Leviticus 19:2

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body.

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. Amen.

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 153 (TiS) (10am)

God is love, let heav'n adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. God, who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heavens above, and who breathes through all creation God is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and gently enfolding all the world in one embrace, with unfailing grasp is holding every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness sin afflicts our human hearts, God's eternal lovingkindness holding, guiding, grace imparts. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is love, so love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

News

Update on Rector appointment processes. Following on from the recent 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 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 Appointments Board in their deliberations. The parish representation on that board will be Chris Cheah, Alison Davidson and Sarah Gowty. The Revd 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.

Last Wednesday & Thursday evenings the wardens and members of the Parish Council and active

clergy attended the **Module 3 Safe Ministry Training**. This is designed primarily for licenced clergy and lay leaders. I am very grateful that these folk gave up an evening to ensure that we as a community are compliant with Diocesan requirements for Safe Ministries. Laura Wood one of your Churchwardens has taken on responsibility for compliance in this area, it is a complex one which requires those of us with a role in parish life to engage in. Many of us have completed Module 1 which is the baseline for most volunteer roles. There are further requirements which we will be engaging with over the coming weeks. Laura will be advising us and will be able to assist you as we work through these issues together.

Next Thursday – 2 November at 10am we will celebrate **All Souls Day**, a day of commemoration for those who have gone before us. If you would like to have someone remembered please write their name on the list in the foyer. Following the Requiem Eucharist, the clergy of the Inner Canberra Deanery will be meeting at St Philip's, some will no doubt join us for the liturgy.

For a number of years we have been praying for Sarah Jones, the daughter of Doug and Anne Bannerman (Doug is a former Rector of St Philip's). During the week Doug and Anne wrote to say that Sarah had died and to thank the parish for their prayers during what had been a long illness. Sarah will be remembered on Thursday this week at St Bartholomew's, Alstonville, NSW.

Reflection

At the last Missional Spirituality Seminar we were asked to consider four elements of parish life, here are some of the responses:

Threats to our community: Individualism, capitalism, extremism, passive racism, sexual abuse indifference, addiction, mental health, technology, responses to sexuality and gender.

Opportunities for our community: Pastoral care, belonging, relationality, community, identity, counter-cultural, alternative, re-envisioning, spiritual hunger.

Strengths of our community: rich intellectual/theological base, open to engagement, elders, faithfulness, humour, self-critical, accepting of difference, Pandora's, inclusivity.

Limitations of our community: Resistance to change, resources, capacity, education, recognition of gifts, training.

We asked those at the seminar simply to speak words or simple phrases rather than try and offer answers or to give reasons for their responses. They do seem rather random, but we were asked to respond to what first came to mind.

On 3 December the Parish will gather to begin a process of discernment about the future. I offer you these words for you to consider as you prepare for this important meeting. You may wish to commit some of these words to prayer or reflection, they may stir you into action or assist in your thinking about this place, what you value, what you to see as our strengths or limitations.

Please keep the parish foremost in your prayers at this time.

This week @ St Philip's

Today Twee	nty second Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)
Tuesday 31 October	<i>Martin Luther (d.1546) and other Continental Reformers</i>
2pm	Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints (Transferred to Sunday)
10am-Noon	Pandora's Preparation and sorting
Thursday 2 November 10am	All Souls Requiem Eucharist (followed by morning tea and a meeting of the North Canberra Deanery Clergy)
<i>Saturday 4 November</i>	<i>Feria</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Morning Prayer - Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 5 NovemberAll Saints	
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11 November	10am 1pm	Pandora's Summer Launch & Fashion Parade @ 11am		
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

		29-Oct-23	5-Nov-23	12-Nov-23	
Sunday of Month		5th	1st	2nd	
Liturgical Season		22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Judy L	Susan J	Susan J	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople			Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Liturgical Assistant	8am		Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)	8am
Audio Visual Operator		?	?	?	
1st Bible reader - OT		volunteer	Russell M	Alison D	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Susan J	Margaret M	Alistair D	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Scott		
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Volunteers	Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	
Liturgical Assistant	am	?	?	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Toan
Audio Visual Operator	10	?	?	?	an
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Rev'd Colin	Laura W	Lyn P	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Laura W	Ann M	Ashton R	
Morning Tea		Volunteers	Barbara G	Janene B	
Additional details/notes					T