St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 16 January 2022

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to St Philip's

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan - It is a requirement that everyone checks in via the *CBR Check In* app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople and Welcomers can check you in. We are asking all folk to be aware of the restrictions, to be careful and thorough with their hand hygiene, to be mindful of social distance and not to attend church if they feel unwell. We are now able to have up to 65 folk in church. Masks are mandated in the ACT and must be worn in places of worship.

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the Pew sheet including a complete order of service 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. Alternatively service cards and a printed abridged Pew sheet is 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, which at present is in 'one kind.' If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

Eucharist for the second Sunday after Epiphany

Introit Hymn (10am) 474 (TiS)
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 of 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 of 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-)

Entrance Antiphon

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. *John 2:11*

Introductory Rites

In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

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.

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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.

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand 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:
Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
2 The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:
and your justice as the great deep;
you, O Lord, save both man and beast.

How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:
the children of Adam shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house:

and you will give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life:
and in your light shall we see light.
O continue your merciful kindness toward those who know you:
and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:1-11)
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. [2]You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. [3]Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; [5]and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; [6]and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. [7]To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [8]To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, [9]to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, [10]to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11]All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gradual Hymn (10am) 437 (TiS)
Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
only you work good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;.
hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Tobias Clausnitzer 1619-84

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory. *Isaiah 62:2*
Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:1-11)
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2]Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3]When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' [4]And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' [5]His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' [6]Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7]Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. [8]He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. [9]When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and

did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom [10]and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' [11]Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
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 those in need, particularly: Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, David, Otto, Mandy, Bob, Noel, Claudia, Ermida and Molly, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time, all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

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.

Offertory Hymn 422 (TiS)
Come, Holy Spirit, come
inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise
the foolishness of God.

All knowing spirit, prove
the poverty of pride,
by knowledge of the Father's love
in Jesus crucified.
And grant us faith to know
the glory of that sign,
and in our very lives to show

the marks of love divine.

Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and two oppressions face reveal
the Kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O Holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrants lies,
and beat the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

Give us the tongues to speak,
in every time and place,
to rich and poor,
to strong and weak,
the word of love and grace.
Enable us to hear
the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear
the special song they sing.

Come, Holy Spirit, dance
within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance,
our mortal fears allay;
and teach us to desire
all other things above,
that self consuming holy fire,
the perfect gift of love.

Michael Lindsay Forster 1945-

Offertory

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.

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 thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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

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

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

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'
Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
Proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

In faith we acclaim you O Christ:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father,
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

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.

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

They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house: and you will give them drink from the river of your delights. *Psalm 36:8*

Recessional Hymn 398 (TiS)

Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with our own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
my outward garment be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace

till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bianco da Siena d. 1434

The Sending out of God's People
God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy Sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.
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.

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world.
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.

Reflection

Reflection
The story of the wedding feast at Cana is an intriguing one. The dynamic between Jesus and his mother is fascinating, as is the nature of the miracle.

The gospels that emerged in the first few Christian centuries, under the guidance of God, as the 'canonical' ones are very reticent about Jesus' childhood. John and Mark don't mention it at all; Matthew goes straight from the Christmas stories to the baptism of Jesus; and Luke has one story of the 12 year-old boy in the temple. Some of the other writings that were circulating among Christians in the early centuries are not so restrained. They tell of a miraculous childhood, of a child whittling a bird out of wood and then giving it life to fly away. Considering the human temptation to biographies, it is very interesting that the common mind of the Church rejected these stories as not essential to our faith. There are all kinds of reasons for this, but one thing that is noticeable about the four gospels that we base our lives on is their drivenness – they tell a story that leads inexorably to the cross, and nothing is included that is not vital to that story.

But the interaction between Jesus and his mother in this first miracle story in John's gospel does suggest that Jesus' childhood was not completely ordinary. Why did Mary expect Jesus to be able to do anything about the empty jars? What did she know about him? John's gospel doesn't tell us.

What it does show us is a gradual building of Jesus' ministry. John's description, in the previous chapter, of the calling of the first disciples shows Jesus as an attractive, teasing, compelling figure. People are drawn to him, and when they are with him, they know they are at the heart of something wonderful.

And then comes this lovely happy wedding story. Jesus is there with his friends, who are already, John implies, a recognised group, invited together to the wedding. Mary the bossy affectionate mother takes no notice at all of Jesus' attempt to avoid doing a sign. 'My hour has not yet come,' he tells her, but Mary clearly feels it is *her* place to decide when his hour had come, not his. She treats him almost like a sulky boy, who just needs humouring and cajoling into performing.

And perform he does. Why does he do it? Only Mary, the servants and the disciples know what has happened. Does it set up all kinds of false impressions in the minds of those closest to Jesus? Does Mary expect to continue to control his ministry? Do the disciples congratulate themselves on throwing in their lot with someone who is going to give them such a good time? If

there is any such implied uncertainty in John's narrative, then the shock of the cleansing of the temple, which immediately follows this story, is even greater. The picture of happiness and harmony is shattered as Jesus comes face to face with the reality of his mission and we, the readers, begin to sense the escalation of tension, the beginnings of the mighty conflict between darkness and light.

John tells us that this miracle at Cana was a revelation and a confirmation of faith for the disciples. They saw the exuberant, creative power of God at work in bringing uncomplicated human enjoyment to the wedding. Through the rest of their time with Jesus they had to learn many other kinds of things about God's power, not all of them palatable, but this streak of anarchic joy is characteristic of God as we encounter him through Jesus.

It is the point that is made for us by the reading from 1 Corinthians. God works in a wild variety of ways, and does not always follow our rules. Although there is an inherent consistency in our encounters with God, we will see it only if what we are looking for is the shape of Jesus. The point of our faith is to enable us to say, and live, 'Jesus is Lord.' Sometimes Paul tells us, this will be accompanied by the very satisfying gifts of power, but they are not the point. The point is to build a worshipping community, made up of people whose lives are directed to God. This community will rejoice in the exercise of gifts that help it to grow, but they won't care who has the power to speak, or heal or work miracles, so long as the community as a whole is learning to say 'Jesus is Lord.' To see the Holy Spirit at work, building a people to praise and worship, to recognise this power, that is the true spiritual gift, one that we are called to exercise.

Dr Jane Williams
is an English Anglican theologian and writer.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	*Second Sunday after Epiphany*
8am	**Eucharist**
10am	**Eucharist with Hymns**
Thursday 20 January	*Feria*
10am	**Eucharist**
Saturday 22 January	*Vincent, deacon & martyr (d.304)*
10am-1pm	Pandora's OPEN
11am	Holy Communion - Kankinya
Sunday 23 January	*Third Sunday after Epiphany*
8am	**Eucharist**
10am	**Eucharist with Hymns**

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6 February	Deadline for AGM Reports
Wednesday 9 February	Parish Council
Sunday 27 February	Parish AGM
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday

Roster

		16-Jan-22	**23-Jan-22**	**30-Jan-22**	
	Sunday of Month	**3rd**	**4th**	**5th**	
	Liturgical Season	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	4th Sunday after Epiphany	
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon	Rev'd Martin	**8am**
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	*volunteers*	Tim & Shane	Tim & Shane	
	Liturgical Assistant		Brian McK		
	1st Bible reader - OT	Rebecca P	Susan J		
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Julianne S	Shane W		
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon	Rev'd Martin	**10am**
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Fred A, Leighton M & helpers	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W	Tim G	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Brian M	Colin D	David R	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Fred A	Jeanette D-T	Kerry-Anne C	
	Morning Tea	*self serve*	*self serve*	*self serve*	
	Additional details/notes	*School Holidays. Thurs 20 Jan - Rev'd Lyn Porritt presiding*	*School Holidays*	*School Holidays*	