




email: [comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)  
[www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

ph: 02 6161 7334  
 @stphilipsoconnor

**Sunday 2 January 2022**  
*Second Sunday after Christmas*



*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 Christmas*

**Introit Hymn (10am)** 314 (TiS)  
As with gladness men of old

did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your glory see.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to your lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
one whom heaven and earth adore:  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at your cradle rough and bare:  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed lives at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide;

in the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
you its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down.  
There for ever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

*William Chatterton Dix 1837-98*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**God has destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, to the  
praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

*Ephesians 1:15-16*

### **Introductory Rites**

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.**

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Let us bring our weaknesses and infirmities to him, 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:

Almighty God,  
by whom the world has been filled  
with the light of your incarnate Word:  
grant we pray,  
that as he kindles the flame of faith and love in our hearts  
so his light may shine forth in our lives;  
who now lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Today's Readings**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:7-14)*

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

*Psalm 147:12-20*

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:  
sing praises to your God, O Zion.

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates:  
and blessed your children within you.**

He makes peace within your borders:  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends his command to the earth:  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool:  
and scatters the hoar-frost like ashes.

**He sprinkles his ice like morsels of bread:  
and the waters harden at his frost.**

He sends out his word and melts them:  
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

**He made his word known to Jacob:  
his statutes and judgements to Israel.**

He has not dealt so with any other nation:  
nor have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1:3-14)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Gradual Hymn (10am) 319 (TiS)**

Child in the manger,  
infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all!  
Child who inherits  
all our transgressions,  
all our demerits  
on him fall.

Once the most holy  
child of salvation  
gently and lowly  
lived below;  
now, as our glorious  
mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious  
over each foe.

Prophets foretold him,  
infant of wonder;  
angels behold him  
on his throne;  
worthy our Saviour  
of all their praises;  
happy for ever  
are his own.

Mary MacDonald 1789-1872

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

*Ephesians 1:13*

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9.6*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn 301 (TiS)**

The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:*

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the king of Israel.*

When they looked up they saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
over Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

Then entered in those wise men three  
and reverently, upon their knee,  
they offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

Now let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth from naught,  
and with his blood salvation bought. [Refrain]

*Anon, English c17 cent*

### **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 glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

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 remission 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**

**He makes peace within your borders: and satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

*Psalm 147:14*

### **Recessional Hymn 303 (TiS)**

Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all you nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*Refrain:*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in human flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings:  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more need die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Charles Wesley 1707-88

### **The Sending out of God's People**

God of heaven, dwelling among us,  
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.  
By your grace keep us ever faithful  
to your Word made flesh  
that as his body in the world  
we may bring your presence to all people.  
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 the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
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*

*In these last days, he spoke to us through the Son through whom he created the universe (Hebrews 1:2)*

#### **Intimate and Cosmic**

If Luke insists on seeing the conception and birth of Jesus in the full sweep of Israel's history, the fourth Evangelist's perspective stretches even beyond that to the cosmic. And John does that in some of the most powerful poetry in the Bible. Let us use this brief space to explore what may be the single most influential sentence in Christian literature:

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us  
and we saw his glory  
the glory as of the Father's only Son  
full of grace and truth. (John 1:14).

This morning's newspaper tells me speculations that stretch me into dimensions way beyond the peeled orange and warm coffee in front of me.

First, a report on the study of the piece of Mars discovered in Antarctica twelve years ago. Scientists figure it was chipped off that planet by an asteroid collision some 4.5 billion years ago, went into orbit around the Sun during the next several billion years, and then, recently (around eleven thousand years ago), got sucked into Earth's orbit and finally landed. It bears what some think is the first evidence of life in our solar system apart from Earth. Another page carries recent conjecture about the mysterious extinction of dinosaurs 65 million years ago, after their species had been around for 160 million years.

John the Evangelist knew of no such data and speculations, but his vision is every bit as cosmic as our own considerations about the story of the universe, from Big Bang to the emergence of life here on "the third rock from the sun." By the time he has reached verse 14 of his prologue, he has described the Word (the *logos*, the principle of order in all creation, God's sole medium of self-communication) as having brought all that is into being (galaxies, solar system, dinosaurs, and all), and then as being the "light of humanity," as shining into the darkness (of evil), and being neither understood nor overcome by that evil. Finally, what has been proclaimed in broad, somewhat veiled terms becomes powerfully explicit in verse 14. That eternal *logos* became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. The remaining phrases spell out the implications of that astounding utterance.

And made his dwelling among us. The root sense of the Greek verb here is "pitched his tent." What the wilderness tabernacle was (the portable sacred space where Israel accessed in a special way the presence of Yhwh), what its successors (the first and second stone temples of Jerusalem) were—these sacred dwellings have now been surpassed in that very function by the flesh of Jesus. The Word made flesh is now the privileged sacred space for encountering God, the very creator of space and time.

And we saw his glory. In the Hebrew Bible, *kabod* ("glory") is the physical manifestation of the mysterious presence of God. The humanity of Jesus is exactly that, in a consummate way.

Full of grace and truth. "Grace and truth" are a consecrated biblical phrase associated especially with God's covenant fidelity (as in Exodus 34:6). That is, we have come to know God's covenant love in a full and final way in the humanity of Jesus of Nazareth.

What is for us a feast of all that is warm, "up close and personal," Luke and John would have us celebrate what is comprehensible only in the fullness of all history and in the vastness of all creation.

No wonder Christmas stretches us.

Dennis Hamm, SJ

*Denis Hamm is emeritus professor of the New Testament at Creighton University in Omaha. He has published articles in The Catholic Biblical Quarterly, The Journal Of Biblical Literature, Biblica, The Journal for the Study of the New Testament, America, Church; and a number of encyclopedia entries, as well as the book, The Beatitudes in Context (Glazier, 1989), and three other books.*

### *This week @ St Philip's*

Today                      *Second Sunday after Christmas*

8am                         **Eucharist**  
10am                       **Eucharist with Hymns**

Thursday 6 January   *The Epiphany of our Lord*

10am                       **Eucharist**

Saturday 8 January   *Feria*  
11am                       Holy Communion – Kankinya

Sunday 9 January     *The Baptism of our Lord*

8am                         **Eucharist**  
10am                       **Eucharist with Hymns**

*Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-22*

## Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15 January 2022

Sunday 6 February

Wednesday 9 February

Sunday 27 February

Wednesday 2 March

Pandora's re-opens

Deadline for AGM Reports

Parish Council

Parish AGM

Ash Wednesday

## Roster

		<b>2-Jan-22</b>	<b>9-Jan-22</b>	<b>16-Jan-22</b>	
	Sunday of Month	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	
	Liturgical Season	2nd Sunday after Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team	
<b>8am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Lyn Porritt	Rev'd Canon Scott	<b>8am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	<i>volunteers</i>	
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P		
	1st Bible reader - OT	Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S	
<b>10am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Lyn Porritt	Rev'd Canon Scott	<b>10am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	
	Liturgical Assistant		Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Ann M	Ashton R	Brian M	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Denise M	Fiona D	Fred A	
	Morning Tea	<i>self serve</i>	<i>self serve</i>	<i>self serve</i>	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>	<i>School Holidays. Thurs 6 Jan - Rev'd Jeannette McHugh presiding</i>	<i>School Holidays. Thurs 13 Jan - Rev'd Lyn Porritt presiding</i>	<i>School Holidays. Thurs 20 Jan - Rev'd Lyn Porritt presiding</i>		