

Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes.

But will I welcome him?

Oh crowds of easy feelings make a
start;

They raise their hands,

get caught up in the singing,

And think the battle won.

Too soon they'll find

The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune.

I know what lies behind

The surface flourish that so quickly fades;

Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,

The hardness of the heart, its barricades,

And at the core, the dreadful emptiness

Of a perverted temple. Jesus come

Break my resistance

and make me your home.

—Malcolm Guite



13 April 2025

Palm Sunday

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 31: 8-18

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Hymns 10am:

348 (i) — omit v.3

132

314 — omit v. 4 & 5

351



Jesus enters Jerusalem.

*Sisters of Turvey Abbey
(England).*

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who worship with us.

Today's Roster—13 April (2nd Sunday of the Month)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: Alison & Alistair D; LA/Prayers: Lari M;

Readers: Alistair D / Alison D.

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Helen & Hardy P; Slides: Liz D;

Readers: Kerry-Anne C / Laura W; LA/Prayers: Revd Robin (Deacon);

Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Helen P.

This week @ St Philip's

Tue 10am	15 Apr	Men's Group
Thu 10am	17 Apr	Mid-Week Eucharist and morning tea
Thu 7pm	17 Apr	Maundy Thursday service
Fri through the day	18 Apr	Good Friday
Sat 11am	22 Apr	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat 10am-1pm	22 Apr	Pandora's closed

Next Sunday—20 April <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters>

Easter Day (3rd Sunday of the month)

Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 65.17-25; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 or Hymn to the Risen Christ; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12.

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill.

9.30am: Welcoming/Offertory: Brian M & volunteer; Slides: *vacancy*;

Readers: Jeannette D-T / Fred A; LA / Prayers: Rebecca K; Musician: Colin F;

Morning Tea: Ashton & Liz D.

Calendar

<https://events.stphilipsoconnor.org.au>

Sun 9.30	4 May	St Philip's Day combined service, followed by brunch
Thu 11am	6 May	Men's Group

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Thought for the week

From the Rector

Our services on Palm Sunday are the first of a series of solemn and powerful acts of worship that recall the events of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, the Church commemorates Christ's entry into Jerusalem, Jesus' final journey before his death and resurrection. We gather to receive and bless our palm crosses. We then hear the Gospel of Palm Sunday before processing together to Church, in re-enactment of Jesus' journey into the Holy City. During our service, we hear a long Gospel narrative that recalls all of the events of Holy Week until Holy Saturday. This year we will hear Luke's account. Through this Gospel, Jesus proclaims that the Kingdom of God is near, and that this coming Kingdom is a place of welcome, justice and mercy that might be experienced by all who encounter him. This continues in Luke's passion narrative when Jesus reassures others, even in his death, that God's kingdom is near.

Luke's Gospel focuses on a Jesus who is innocent, but who is surrounded by corruption. Confirming Jesus' integrity to his role as Messiah to the end. Surrounded by betrayal, denial, mockery, and cruelty, Jesus remains faithful to God and to the kingdom of God. A vision we are invited to embrace in this most holy time.

Holy Week and Easter. Holy week is the most important week of the Christian year. We journey through it together, and it informs our work and mission for the rest of the year. There are extra services during this week (see website or bulletin board). You are invited to participate in what you feel able to. Participation in the services will help you best reflect and pray on the events of Holy Week. An email has been sent out, and there is a pamphlet that explains each event of this week in detail.

Offertory. Please place your gift in the offering bag or use the Eftpos machine in the foyer. St Philip's account for regular giving is: 702-389 05202512. For those who give electronically, giving cards are available to put in the bag offered at the altar.

Receiving Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion, regardless of their tradition or the last time they received. If you would simply like to receive a blessing, please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward. When you come forward, please use the hand sanitizer at the front of the church. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please let one of the welcomers know. Gluten-free bread is available.

From Palm Sunday we will receive communion slightly differently at each service, so please follow the instructions given at the time. If you are unsure please do ask.

Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann, John & Clare, Barbara, Beryl, Brad, David, Elizabeth, John G, Robyn, Sandra, Ursula, Wendy & Nathan. We pray for those unable to gather with us and those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed and remember those whose anniversary of death is this week: Kenneth Johnson (14/4/2001), Irene Keast (17/4/2002), and Noel Collins (18/4/1970). We remember, too, the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those remembered only by God.

Parish Council News. The parish council met on Tuesday 8th and had a very positive meeting with lots of fruitful discussion. This included discussion about Safe Church and our responsibilities; parish finances, ongoing repairs to the church and gardens, establishing a small pastoral team, and agreeing a planned list of social events for the coming year. We also spoke about how communion is distributed at each service, and other possibilities for worship moving forward.

Breakfast on Easter Morning. There is a sign-up sheet for those who plan to attend Breakfast on Easter morning—to help us catering. Please add your name to the list (even if you are unsure at this stage). If you would like to contribute food to the brunch or help setting up or cleaning, please sign the volunteer sheets at the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 19th at 1.30 for an hour. Again, please sign up at the back of church.

Flowers for Easter. To contribute to the cost of flowers for Easter, please let either Christine or a warden know this weekend, so the flowers can be ordered. There is also a clip board to donate at the back of church.

St Philip's Day, our Patronal Festival, will be celebrated on Sunday 4 May! We will have a **combined service at 9.30am only**; followed by celebration brunch. This is a day when we give thanks for all that St Philip's is and our life together. Please have this date in your diary

Thank you from Katherine and Eloise. We have received a lovely card addressed to the congregation, thanking St Philip's for our prayers and welcome to Eloise and the support offered at Eloise's baptism.

Working Bee. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the working bee on Saturday 12th—what a great team we have!! Thank you!