



St Philip's Anglican Church
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The Holy Eucharist



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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Season of Refugees

Opening Hymn

TIS 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vs 1,3,4,5

Acclamation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christ is risen Alleluia

He is risen indeed Alleluia



Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' John 10.11

Acknowledgement:

Let us pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people whose land of Yálla-birr-ang (Collingwood) and Carran-carramulk (Abbotsford – along the Yarra River) we meet on today.

God of forgiveness and hope, who sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to break down the walls that divide us from each other: grant that all Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with later migrants from many countries, may work together to heal the wounds of injustice in our past, and to build a community of care and compassion for our future; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of Preparation

[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.

Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Kyrie Eleison

KYRIE

Canon after 1 bar

Robert Dawlings

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, Canon after 1 bar. The score is in 4/4 time with a tempo of 108. It features three systems of music with lyrics. The first system has a first ending bracketed '1,2.' and the second system has a second ending bracketed '3.'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.' The final line of the second system is 'Lord, have mer - cy.'

Seasonal Invitation

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

A pause for reflection

Penitence

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.

The Absolution

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.**

Gloria

GLORIA

Canon after 4 bars

Robert Dawlings

Musical score for Gloria, Canon after 4 bars. The score is in 4/4 time. It features three systems of music with lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Glor-y to God in the High - est and peace to his people of earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Father - er, we wor-ship you, we - give you thanks, we praise you for your glor - y. Lord'.

Jes - us Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One; you a - lone are the Lord;
 you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ, with the Ho - ly Spr - it, in the
 Glor - y of God the Fath - er. A - men

The Collect

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2.42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 - *read antiphonally.*

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me

in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness

will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2.1-10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

⁸ and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall. 'They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord

thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

TIS 625 I need you, Lord for I have seen (Tune 641)

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John, Chapter 10 beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10.1-10

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon / Homily

Affirmation of Faith **Nicene Creed**

Where possible please stand

**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.**

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel for the prayers, (These or other prayers may be used)

Gracious and loving God, you sent Jesus to be the shepherd of your sheep and to lead us into lives of security and goodness: Hear our prayers for your whole creation, and direct us constantly with your presence, as we pray: Guide us along right pathways, **for the sake of your Name.**

You have called your Church to be filled with awe and wonder as we praise you with glad and generous hearts: Give your baptized people generosity and trust, that we may devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Guide us along right pathways **for the sake of your Name.**

Let your benevolent hand be upon our leaders and upon all who hold authority in the world, that they may protect your people from thieves and bandits who steal and kill and destroy, so that all your sheep may come in and go out securely, and find good pasture.

Guide us along right pathways **for the sake of your Name.**

May Christ who suffered for us be present with all who suffer, to comfort us with the powerful deliverance of your rod and staff.

Guide us along right pathways **for the sake of your Name.**

Sing your shepherd-song of love to us and to all who live in this community, that everyone will hear the voice of the good shepherd and follow him to green pastures and still waters.

Guide us along right pathways **for the sake of your Name.**

Let your goodness and mercy surround all who are ill or in any way afflicted, especially **Fr Bruce, Emil; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Dylan; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Brittany, Greg, Evelyn; Eloise; John; Grant; Drickis; Heidi; Henry, Sam; Matt; Maj; Blessing; Marina, Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Gwendolyn; We pray for JLTC, and especially Con, Damien and Tony.**

Hear our grateful prayers for your guidance and your gifts. This Sunday we pray for:

The World: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia**

The Anglican Communion: **The Church of Nigeria** (Anglican Communion)

Anglican Church of Australia: **Diocese of Willochra: St Peter and St Paul Cathedral**

The Diocese of Melbourne: **Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of the Yarra, Deanery of the Yarra/Plenty: Anglican Parish of Banyule, St Peter's Bundoora, St Margaret's Eltham, All Saints' Greensborough, St Matthew's Pantom Hill with St Andrew's St Andrews, Christ Church Whittlesea with St Peter's Kinglake, St Matthias' Mernda, St John's Diamond Creek with St Katherine's St Helena and St Michael's Yarrambat**

Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Anglican Kindergartens**

Bishops' Visitation: **Church of the Epiphany: St Andrew's Somerville**

Let your resurrection power rescue all who walk through the valley of the shadow of death and lead them to dwell in the house of God forever; we remember those who have died, especially those who died in war, Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them** May they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

Guide us along right pathways **for the sake of your Name.**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus is the gate of the sheepfold and the shepherd of your sheep: Lead all humanity by the guidance of Christ's compassionate voice, that everyone may find shelter and abundant life at your welcoming table, and live in the power of your Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

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.



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Offertory Hymn

TIS 512 Bread of the world in mercy broken (Tune 409)

Preparation of the altar and the gifts

The bread and the wine are presented. –

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your benefit and for the fulfilment of your purposes.

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 our thanks and praise.

Shepherding God, we praise and thank you
because you gathered your flock around Abraham,
and through Moses and Joshua
you brought your sheep to a place of safety.
In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb
to take away the sins of the world.
As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise
that those who hear your voice shall never be in want
for you know your sheep by name, and you call us your own
and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom
where angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven.
sing your unending praise.

SANCTUS

Canon after 2 bars

Robert Dawlings



heaven and earth are ful of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures
 and guide them beside still waters,
 so you have led us to this table
 where in bread and wine you restore our soul.
 Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church
 through the abundance of this sacred meal
 As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us,
 sanctify this bread and cup and make them be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
 who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks
 broke the bread and gave it to them saving.
 Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you:
 do this in remembrance of me"
 After supper he took the cup.
 Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

ACCLAMATION 1

Canon after 1 bar

Robert Dawlings

Christ has died, Christ has ris-en, Christ will come a-gain.

Saving God, your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith
 Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home.
 When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them in your arms.
 When they face evil in the presence of enemies,
 follow them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life.
 On that day when the shadow of death covers them,
 bring them to dwell in your house forever.
 Shepherd us with all your saints of every age into your glorious presence,
 where we shall behold your Lamb in seated glory
 most Holy Trinity, now and always.

ACCLAMATION 2
Canon after 1 bar

Robert Dawlings

Bless - ing and hon - our and Glor - y and power are
yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men

Communion Rite -

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we sing
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Simply *N Kedrov Sr*

Our Fath - er, who art in heav-en,
hallowed be thy Name. thy king - dom come,
thy will - be done earth as it is in heav-en.
and for - give us our tres - pass-es
as we forgivethosewhotres pass a-gainst us,
Give us this day our dail - y bread,
and for - give us our tres - pass-es
as we forgivethosewhotres pass a-gainst us,
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de-liv-er us from e - vil. A - men.

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.**

Agnus Dei

AGNUS DEI
Canon after 3 bars

Robert Dawlings

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Communion - Please form a circle around the altar.

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 gave himself for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to share with us in communion with Jesus who told us to break bread and share wine in remembering him and celebrating the reality of his presence.

Administration of Communion.

The body of Christ [the bread of heaven] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ [the cup of salvation] keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Communion Chant

My Soul Shall Find Its Joy Berthier

♩ = 58

My soul shall find its joy and peace in God a-lone; in God a-lone my
hope! In God a-lone my soul shall find its rest. Al-le lu - ia. My

Prayer of Virtual Communion

Jesus, we believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. Our friends online desire to receive You. Since they cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into their hearts. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Most glorious Lord of life, we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries. Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith, that we may witness to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world.

Prayer of self-offering

Father, **we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Please return to your seat, but remain standing

Final Hymn

TIS 372 Jesus lives! Your terrors now vs 1,2,3,5

Notices

May 4th St Philip's Day – followed by lunch.

We welcome the Following Preachers and Presiders in May to St. Philip's

Rev. Sophie Watkins on 10 May

Rev. Philip Gill on 17th

Rev. Kathleen Alleaume-Ross on 24th

Rev. Gordon Preece on 31st May.

Creation Care (Green) Notice

There has been much research over the years related to plastic in the environment and, more recently micro plastics. This has extended to the level of micro-plastics within each of us. A new, small study in Perth appears to show that we can reduce the level of plastics within our bodies by 50% over seven days! (See the ABC article <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-04-23/plastic-packaging-body-chemicals-study/106594194>). This article describes the changes made by the people in the study.

Green Tip

- Avoid food wrapped in soft plastic (buy from Farmer's markets?)
- Don't store your food in hard plastic (use glass jars?)
- Avoid tinned food (they are often lined with plastic)
- Replace plastic cooking utensils
- See the article for more information.

National Walk for Truth

Ngata St Philip's

The National Walk for Truth [Check out the schedule of events and register now.](#)

The National Walk For Truth is a collective journey that says, with our feet and our voices, that our country needs healing. I'll be walking alongside people from all walks of life, calling on our Federal government to commit to truth-telling with First Peoples.

With thousands of people walking together, adding our voices and showing support from across the country, we can get truth-telling back on the national agenda.

If you're not able to walk, there are plenty of ways to be involved through community events and talks along the way.

Truth-telling is about healing. It is an act of respect and national repair. First Nations people have long called for a process of truth-telling about our history, to acknowledge and address injustices and move forward together. When we face the truth with open hearts, we can build a better future together for us all. **That is why we are walking.**

Now more than ever, First Peoples' truths must be heard - not just in one community or region, but right across the country.

[Join us on the National Walk for Truth - from Melbourne to Canberra - and help show the huge momentum for truth and healing.](#)



Budget Boost:

Thank you to everyone who gives to the parish using Direct Debit, it is a big help! To assist in us having a balanced budget by the end of the Church year (30th September) we are asking for a budget boost. If we could give an extra \$5 per week, or \$20 per month, of a one off \$100, this would go a long way to helping us show the Dioceses that we can keep our books in the black.

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Food Basket

The food basket is back! Please bring a non-perishable item food or drink for those less fortunate.



The Centre for Spirituality of Care and Community

You are invited to join us for three in-person workshops with Dr Eugen Koh

In response to the interest arising from Eugen's presentation to CSCC's 2025 AGM, we are holding a series of workshops in Melbourne to develop a spirituality of care and community. The workshops will begin with a short presentation by Eugen who will then facilitate an open discussion and reflection about trauma and culture leading to a collective co-creation of a spirituality for living in a turbulent world. Participants will bring their own experience and expertise to this co-creative process.

Each workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Participants who can commit to all three workshops are given preference. While there is no fee to participate, donations are greatly appreciated to cover costs.

Workshop Details

Sunday 17 May 2026, 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Sunday 14 June 2026, 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Sunday 19 July 2026, 1.20 to 4.30 pm

Venue: St Philip's Anglican Church, 146 -148 Hoddle St, Abbotsford.

To register your interest, please email secretary@csc.org.au or phone Jill Webb on +61 0408 586 297

2026 AGM 4 pm Sunday 26 April AEST via Zoom

You are warmly invited to join us for this year's AGM with guest speaker Isabel Thomas Dobson

Join us for the 2026 Roy Bradley Oration! - **Sunday 30 August 2026** is the tentative date, we hope to announce our guest speaker over the coming weeks!

[Thy Kingdom Com](#) 14-24 May 2026



How do we walk together for justice and refugees?



Prayer for Growth

God of the unfolding Mission, you are the quiet breath that makes all things bloom. Let your Spirit sweep through our dreams, giving light to our plans and fire to our footsteps. May we grow like a deep-rooted forest – expanding in number, deepening in devotion, and reaching out as a shelter for our neighbours. Through Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

May our loving God lead you beside still waters and anoint you with divine abundance.

May Christ the Good Shepherd call you by name and lead you along right pathways for his Name's sake.

May the goodness and mercy of the Holy Spirit follow you all the days of your life and bring you to dwell in the house of God forever.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight

And the blessing of our generous God, the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, enlighten and guide you, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen

Please join us after the service for Morning Tea

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