



The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Wangaratta  
**The Parish of Kilmore**  
with Broadford, Pyalong & Tallarook  
**11th January 2015**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Baptism of our Lord**

**HYMNS: 275, 595, 521, 411**

*Welcome to any guests to our worship  
please stay and enjoy hospitality with us after the service.*

*Introit hymn*

*The Liturgy continues on page 119 Green Prayer Book*

**SENTENCE**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

**Asperging the People on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.**

*Following the Confession and Absolution the Celebrant sprinkles the people with baptismal water as a reminder of our baptism.*

**THE COLLECT**

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 1. 1-5**

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day', and the darkness he called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 29**

**Response: May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness./R

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice./R

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox./R

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'/R

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.  
the Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace./R

## **SECOND READING**

**Acts 19. 1-7**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' 'John's baptism,' they replied. Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in through out the world.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 1. 4-11**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were

baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

At the dawn of time your Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep and brought form and life to your creation: so overshadow your world today and give to us a new sense of wonder and responsibility for this planet and all its creatures.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the days of the great flood you saved Noah from the waters of death and made a covenant with Noah and his descendents: look with compassion today on all in danger from natural disaster and from those catastrophes that we inflict on ourselves. God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In ancient times you brought your chosen people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea; liberate your people today who are held in the bondage of cruelty, oppression or injustice, so they may live in dignity, freedom and hope. God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In the River Jordan, your Son Jesus Christ was baptised with those he came to save: bring your people today to seek the salvation that you offer so we may turn away from all that holds us in the power of evil. God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Through the water of baptism you seal us as your own and make us one with all who bear your name; we pray for your church, for John our Bishop and our parish, empower us to faithfully serve you and proclaim your good news of justice, peace, redemption and love. God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At Jesus' baptism, you named him your beloved Son and anointed him with power for ministry; bring healing today to those who are sick, hope to those in despair and comfort to the lost and lonely ones of our community; we pray for those on our hearts and for those who have requested prayer;

*Chris Schafer, Glen Turnbull, Karen Goodger, Alex Impols, Cathy Moseley, & Melissa & family, Seth Gunther, Cliff & Gwen Stomann, Tom & Sandra Davidson & Bianca Davidson, Tom Scrivens, Dianne Mitsakis, Mark Bennetts, Barry Watts, Lidia, Katie, Franca Caia....* We give thanks for healing and blessings received.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Everliving God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us to new and everlasting life; we commend to you the recently departed and those years mind occurring at this time.

**Year's mind:** 11<sup>th</sup> *Alma Fleming, Terence Guinelly, Joan Scale*; 12<sup>th</sup> *William Harrington*; 13<sup>th</sup> *Vera Brereton, John James*; 14<sup>th</sup> *George Glover, Mildred Ollett, Sydney Edge*; 15<sup>th</sup> *Laurel Kennard, William Begley, Bruce Insley, Theodore McCall -bishop, Olive Pont*, 17<sup>th</sup> *Yen Schneider*.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we rejoice in the promises of baptism revealed in your Son Jesus our Lord, hear us as we pray for ourselves.....; empower us with your Spirit and equip us to be faithful to our baptismal promise.

God in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers in the name of the one whose light bursts forth love's radiance, Jesus Christ the Holy Infant, who later taught us to pray... **Our Father in heaven.... [pg 124].**

| <b>SERVICES</b>  |         |                     |
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| <b>Next Sunday: 18th January 2015 – Second Sunday after Epiphany</b><br>1 Samuel 3.1-10; Psalm 139. 1-5,12-18; I Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51 |         |                     |
| Christ Church  | 9.00am  | Holy Eucharist      |
| St Matthews  | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist      |
| St Stephens  | 11.00am | Morning Prayer      |
| Transfiguration  | 4.00pm  | No service this day |

### **Parish Clergy:**

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