

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7 January 2018

Welcome to Christ Church

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8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

Welcome to this celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

At 8am please follow the Liturgy of the Word, then return to the BCP booklet for the Creed.

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

We gather in this sacred space on the traditional lands of the Kulin nations, and we respectfully acknowledge the current and past elders of the Wurundjeri and Boonerwung peoples.

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

President Richard Treloar
Sides Jocelyn & Charles Allen
(Roger Blythman)

10am Sung Eucharist

President Richard Treloar
Deacon Marilyn Hope
Subdeacon Winsome Thomas
(Andrew Smith)
Thurifer Garry McCarthy
Crucifer William McCarthy
Acolytes Alistair Barker, Christina Port
(Sarah Curtis, Winsome Thomas)
Readers Robert Carli, Wendy Sutherland
(Jenny Baldwin, Perina Amini)
Preacher Richard Treloar
Intercessor Roy Port
(Ros Lawrence)
Offertory Miriam & Tahwen Chu
Procession (Bruce Walker & Greg Wayman)
Sides Roger Blythman, Roger Meyer
(June Sherwood, Suzie Ross)

Tea & Coffee DIY

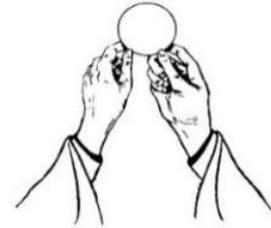
(Names in parentheses are for next Sunday)

Setting Parish Eucharist – *Dudman*

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Toilets are located facing the south side of the church: go out main church door and around the driveway to your left.



Prayer Intentions for this Week

World & Nation

Refugees, those seeking asylum, those held in detention, especially children. Those who are persecuted for their faith, ethnicity, gender or sexuality. ADF personnel serving abroad. Peace in Korea and the Middle East.

Church

Anglican Church of Australia, Philip our Archbishop and Primate; Genieve our area Bishop. Ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; St Paul's East Kew; St Martin's Hawksburn.

Community

All who are travelling. Emergency services personnel, health care workers and others who work over the holiday period.

Special Need

Barney, Poli, Alan, Indra, Tess & baby Benji, Simon, Jesse, Jane, Debbie, Stephen, Rupert, David, Gabriella, Jared, Rhonda, Patrice, the Zirbel family.

Departed

YEAR'S MIND: (7th) Campbell Drape WOOLSTENCROFT, Edward Charles HAUSER, Colin Bruce MCGREGOR; (8th) Eileen Wilhalmena Doreen BARKER; (9th) Ross Anthony VEAL; (11th) Sophie Alexa OFFICER, Cedric Henry BURNETT, Trudy KENNEDY, Alison Helen SOMERVILLE, Andrew David Sydney JONES; (12th) John Francis Stuart CROW; (13th) Alma Jean SUMPTER.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand when entrance bell is rung

INTROIT HYMN

1

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2

He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss;
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

3

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break;
come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most –
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

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Tune: *Offertorium*

The presiding priest greets all in the name of the Lord

In the name of God: Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Three wonders mark this holy season:

A star leads the Magi to the Christ-child.

Alleluia.

Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

Alleluia.

Water is made wine at the wedding feast.

Alleluia.

The deacon says

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people and reconcile us with your healing love.

Pause for reflection

We have not always lived up to the promises of our baptism;
we have not always treasured your gift of life. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have shown indifference to those in need,
and been afraid to stand up for justice and truth. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have been slow to forgive,
and neglectful of your spirit of love and reconciliation. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The presiding priest pronounces the Absolution

May God, who pours out gifts of the eternal covenant through water and Spirit,
giving the ministry of reconciliation to the Church,
grant you remission ✠ of your sins and fulness of life;
through the Beloved, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis is sung by all

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.

The presiding priest says the Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

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.**

[sit]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God 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.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord you heavenly powers:
ascribe to the Lord all glory and might.

Ascribe due honour to God's holy name:
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
glorious is God who thunders upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is full of power:
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning:
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The Lord sits enthroned above the waters:
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

You, O Lord, will give strength to your people:
you will give to your people the blessing of peace.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

1
Christ, when for us you were baptized
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.

2
God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant too;
his kingdom you were called to preach,
his holy will to do.

3
Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve,
and give your life for all.

4
Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

Words: F Bland Tucker Hymns A&M NS 442
Tune: *Irish*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4-11

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.

Sermon – Father Richard

A time for quiet reflection follows the sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The deacon says

[kneel or sit]

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer
...in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After last prayer
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The presiding priest says

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory, to drink from waters of the new creation flowing from the river of life at your baptism.

Give us the wings of the Spirit, that we may hasten to meet you at your coming, and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM

The presiding priest says

[stand]

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

All are invited to follow the procession and gather at the font

HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT

1
In water we grow,
secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know
love's safety and room.
Baptizing and blessing
we publish for good
the freeing, caressing
safe keeping of God.

2
In water we wash:
the dirt of each day,
its trouble and rush
are carried away.
In Christ re-created
by love's cleansing art,
self-will and self-hatred
dissolve and depart.

3
In water we dive,
and cannot draw breath,
then surface alive,
rebouncing from death.
Our old self goes under,
in Christ dead and drowned.
We rise, washed in wonder,
by love clad and crowned.

4
In water we dwell,
for by its deep flow
through bloodstream and cell,
we live, think, and grow.
Praise God, love outflowing,
whose well of new birth
baptizes our knowing,
and waters the earth.

Brian Arthur Wren (b. 1936)
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Tune: *Paderborn*

Standing at the font, the presiding priest says

Praise God who made the heavens and earth,
whose faithful promises endure forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized to new birth in the household of faith.

Anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom;
for all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

As we celebrate God's unending covenant with us,
let us re-affirm our baptismal promises and faith.

Do you affirm the promises made at your baptism?

I turn to Christ,

I renounce all evil,

I reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust.

Do you affirm the faith of the Church?

**I believe in God the Father,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.**

**I believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh, the Light of life, who died to set us free.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
through whom God's love has been poured into our hearts.**

I believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.

**Wherever the river flows
everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

On the banks of the river grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.
Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Their fruit will serve for food, their leaves for the healing of the nations.
**For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

Water is sprinkled generously on all

The presiding priest says

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with those around you.
During the Offertory Hymn, a collection is taken up.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

1
Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in flesh made manifest.

2
Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in flesh made manifest.

3
Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight;
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in flesh made manifest.

4
Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
 mirrored in thy holy word;
 may we imitate thee now,
 and be pure, as pure art thou;
 that we like to thee may be
 at thy great Epiphany;
 and may praise thee, ever blest,
 God in flesh made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85) A&M NS 53
 Tune: *St George* (A&M NS 289)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The presiding priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

...for ever praising you and *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

[sung by all]

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The presiding priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer; the deacon says

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

[sung by all]

The presiding priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

...in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
 are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

[sung by all]

The deacon says

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The presiding priest breaks the bread and says

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei is sung by all

[kneel or sit]

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 presiding priest says

Behold, Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Communicant members of all churches are welcome to receive Communion.
If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.
Please feel free to stand or kneel at the sanctuary step.
Gluten-free altar breads are available, please tell the priest if you require one.*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Announcements are made after Communion

DISMISSAL HYMN

[stand]

1
O love how deep, how broad, how high!
it fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2
For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3
For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.

4
All glory to our God and Lord
for love so high, so deep, so broad:
blest Trinity whom we adore,
forever and for evermore.

Attrib. Thomas à Kempis (1379–1471) *tr.* Benjamin Webb (1819-85) *et. al.*
Tune: *Puer Nobis Noscitur* (TiS 194)

The presiding priest says

Let us pray.

O God, you have nourished us in these sacred mysteries; we pray that, faithfully listening to your Beloved Son, we may grow as your beloved children in name and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who in Christ gives a spring of water welling up to eternal life, enliven within you the image of the divine glory; and the blessing of God most gracious, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Choral Fantasia on 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern', BuxWV 223 (verses 1 & 2)
– Dietrich Buxtehude

Please take this pew sheet home with you and refer to the notices and prayer intentions.

Morning Tea in January ...

... is a 'do-it-yourself' arrangement; please come to the Old Vicarage to make a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy some fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Wednesday 10 January

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr
10.00am Eucharist

Thursday 11 January

10.00am Gardening group

Friday 12 January

12noon Eucharist

Next Sunday – 14 January 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

11.15am Mission Stall

Readings for Epiphany 2 (Yr B)

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51