



7th January 2024

Baptism of the Lord



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Sentence

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (*Acts 10:38*)

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

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29

R: In the temple of the Lord, all cry 'Glory!'

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R...**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R...**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R...**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! **R...**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.

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.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at the first verse.

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

Prayers of the People

Gracious God, you call us by name and baptise us as your Son was baptised in the waters of the Jordan, so that we all might be made one in him. Hear our prayers for unity, peace and justice.

We pray for an end to all wars; for nations to be free of corruption and misuse of people and resources; for total demilitarisation of the world, and for tyrants to repent of their sins. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for justice in this world; for an end to decadence, indifference, and love of wealth that erode morality and common decency; and for a world without poverty, discrimination or abuse. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for opportunities for both young and old to live holistic and meaningful lives; for accountability to replace entitlement; and for generosity of spirit among all people. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of your holy church to enlighten the lost, correct the self-satisfied, and nurture the inquisitive; when the world leads your flock astray, may your church rise to shepherd the vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and their families during this holiday period; for an increase in mutual love, learning and growth of spirit; and for their courage to seek your help and the support of faith communities in difficult times. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick or in pain; for those in hospital or rehabilitation, and those whose illness makes them a prisoner of their own body or mind.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: *Gail Piechowiak, Mary Dodge, Lyn Overend, Jonathan and Limor Rose, Jeanne Jones, Bill Edge, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry and Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, David Valentine, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful departed, that they might find rest in your eternal kingdom; and for their example to edify our lives. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Joy Hannam, and for her family as they grieve her loss. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time: *Patty James, Michael Perry, Judith Carboon, Irene Anderson, George Brown, Ernest Shinn, David Nolan, June Winnell, Alma Fleming, Terence Guinelly, Joan Scale, June Arbuthnot, William Harrington, Cynthia Hill, Alma Smith, Vera Brereton and John James.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

Australia Day Parish BBQ

As is our custom, Australia Day will be celebrated with a Parish BBQ at the home of Caroline Burge on Friday January 26th from midday onwards. Bring and share meat, salads, sweets, wine or soft drink. All very welcome. This will be a time of giving thanks for this wonderful country we live in, and paying respects to the traditional owners of the land in which our Parish lies.

Notice of Annual Leave

Fr. David will be away on leave from the 8th to the 25th of January 2024. Services will be lay-led during this time, and any issues, please refer to the Wardens of members of parish council.

Op Shop

The parish op shop is now back to regular operating hours, Monday 10am to 12pm, Thursday 10am to 12pm, Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 10am to 12pm.

Thursdays at St Matthew's

There will be no Thursday masses at St Matthew's Broadford until January 25th 2024.

Aged Care

Aged care services are paused until the first week of February 2024.

Bible Study

Our bible study group is in recess until February. We can continue the Tuesday evenings, but in the new year, we will also be looking towards daytime groups for people who have expressed interest. Stay tuned for more information.

Direct Debit /EFT Offerings – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore;’ BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.

Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

Next Sunday: Second Sunday After Epiphany: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Ps 139:1-5,12-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51		
Christ Church, Kilmore	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Matthew’s, Broadford	11.00am	Morning Prayer
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

Weekly Scripture Readings

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 8th January	Ps 20; 21	Ps 24; 26
	Jeremiah 1	Genesis 1:1-19
	Colossians 1:1-8	John 6:28-40
Tuesday 9th January	Ps 22:1-22	Ps 22:23-32; 23
	Jeremiah 2:1-19	Genesis 1:20-2:3
	Colossians 1:9-20	John 6:41-59
Wednesday 10th January	Ps 25	Ps 27
<i>William Laud</i>	Jeremiah 2:20-37	Genesis 2:4-35
	Colossians 1:21-29	John 6:60-71
Thursday 11th January	Ps 28; 29	Ps 30; 32

	Jeremiah 3:1-23	Genesis 3:1-19
	Colossians 2:1-7	John 7:1-13
Friday 12th January	Ps 33	Ps 31
	Jeremiah 4:1-8	Genesis 3:20-4:16
	Colossians 2:8-15	John 7:14-24
Saturday 13th January	Ps 35:1-17	Ps 35:18-29; 36
<i>Hilary of Poitiers</i>	Jeremiah 4:19-31	Genesis 4:17-5:5, 5:21-24
	Colossians 2:16-23	John 7:25-36

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Feel free to use the space on the back page to jot down some of your musings, profound or otherwise, that may be helpful to your spiritual nourishment over the course of the next week or so. Feel equally free to 'compare notes', that is, share your thoughts with friends and neighbours, either in the context of Sunday worship, or even just over a coffee some time. It helps the Vicar to get his brain droppings on paper every week; he encourages you to try it for yourself.

Thoughts for the Week
