
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



8th January 2023

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

Welcome to Church

Sentence for Today

A voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ Matthew 3.17



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance hymn: *TiS 207* “Jesus shall reign where'er the sun”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest;
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Where he displays his healing power
death and the curse are known no more;
in him the tribes of Adam boast
more blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748 *alt.*

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.

Welcome

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.**

The Two Great Commandments:

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.'

Kyries: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

**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 Prayer of the Day:

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.**

We give praise to God:

**We thank you, Lord,
for keeping us under the shadow of your mercy,
for sustaining and supporting the anxious and fearful,
for lifting up all who are brought low.
May we always rejoice in your comfort**

knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Isaiah 42.1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord ,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord , I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord , that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
For the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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.
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.

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.

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.'

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.

The second reading: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual hymn: TiS 447 "Lord, your almighty word"

**Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 3 beginning at verse 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.**

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

The Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We give you thanks, God our Creator, that, at the beginning of time, your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

Pour out your blessing + upon this water that it may be a sign of our dying and rising to new life with you, Christ our Lord.

May we live in your power, faithful to our calling, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life.

Let us each affirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ,
loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself,
until your life's end?

I will with God's help.

Water is dispersed over the people.

The 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.

Offertory hymn TiS 224 "All hail the power of Jesus' name"

**All hail the power of Jesus' name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**As heirs of Israel's chosen race
and ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love cannot forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your treasures at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue
responsive to his call,
now shout in universal song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Edward Perrone 1726-92 alt.

Prayer over the gifts:

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

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

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

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.**

The breaking of the bread:

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:

**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.**

Invitation to communion:

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

The Communion

Post Communion Hymn TiS 194 "O love how deep, how broad, how high!"

**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.**

**He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.**

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

**To him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.**

Attrib. Thomas à Kempis 1379-1471 tr. Benjamin Webb 1819-85 alt.

Prayers after Communion:

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

Notices

Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a
light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final hymn: **TiS 228** *“Crown him with many crowns”*

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for me,
and hail him as thy chosen king
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began:
and we who tread where he has trod
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 and Godfrey Thring 1823-1903 *alt.*

Dismissal

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

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WELCOME TO CHURCH. . . We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today, please take Communion, whatever your denomination and come and worship with us again. If you are visiting, please make yourself known to Fr Anthony or to one of our welcomers following the service and do stay for a cuppa and chat!

NOTICES

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist will recommence this week, 11th January

Gardening: The dedicated team tending the Resurrection Garden would like help looking after this precious space. The main tasks are light pruning and weeding for an hour or so every two months. Please see Peter Wharton for more details.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on TMA's website, using the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>. In this week's NewsStand:

- Same-sex marriage harms ministry in the Global South: Egyptian Archbishop – The Melbourne Anglican
- ‘There is still beauty and goodness’: Victorian Christian leaders share their Christmas messages – The Age
- Anglican Church and Melbourne council settle claim without liability they allowed paedophile to run youth group – The Guardian
- A PhD at 82: Meet the new generation of university learners – The Age
- Devout Christians awarded damages after their application to become foster parents was rejected – ABC News
- New program for young Christians moving to the bush – Eternity News
- Pope Benedict XVI: A man at odds with the modern world who leaves a legacy of intellectual brilliance and controversy – The Conversation
- It's a papal version of Succession: at Benedict XVI's funeral, the plotting will begin – The Guardian
- In South Africa, should the Anglican Church bless a new Zulu king? – Baptist News Global
- Looking for God in all the rock places: Are Australians craving spiritual connection? – ABC News
- and more...

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday	William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d.1645)
Friday	Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367)
Saturday	Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian church (d. 1235)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Hebrews 2.14-18
Psalm: 105.1-7
Mark 1.29-39

Next Sunday: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7
Psalm 40.1-14
1 Colossians 1.1-9
John 1.29-42

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

We pray that God will raise up able and dedicated ministers for vacant parishes in our Diocese.

Sun 8 Anglican Parish of Banyule (Denise Nicholls, Jonathan Lopez); The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Geelong (Jill McCoy); Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma);

Mon 9 St Michael & All Angels' Beaumaris (Wayne Walters); Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People); Trinity Grammar School (Adrian Farrer, Principal; Chris Leadbeater, James Hale, Chaplains);

Tues 10 Bellarine Anglican Parish (David Willsher); Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People); Aged Care Ministry;

Wed 11 St Stephen's Belmont (Shirley Littras); The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People); Anglican Boys' Society - CEBS (Bruce Anderson, Secretary);

Thurs 12 St John's Bentleigh (Santaseelan Packianathan); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Police Force Chaplains (Drew Mellor & other Chaplains) and members of the Police Force;

Fri 13 Berwick Anglican Church (Vijay Henderson, Reece Kelly, Samuel Creek); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Yarra Valley Grammar School (Mark Merry, Principal);

Sat 14 St Agnes' Black Rock (Jennifer Furphy, Bruce Everett); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Elect Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Anglican Cursillo Movement.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

Containment of the coronavirus pandemic, those suffering and the medical staff. A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. A peaceful outcome in Eastern Europe. Those affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Helen Daniels, Estelle Carman, Jean & Alan Close, Shirley and Alan Wagner, Glenys Howell, Barbara Stark, Gwen McMahan, Carole Smith, Pauline Le Riche, Lyle Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Geoffrey (Josh's father), David and Glen Wood, Fanny (Aggie's sister), Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Dave Ritchie, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Pauline Tudball, Don Lambourne, and others known to us.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

ROSTERS:

Welcomer

Reader

Liturgical Assistant

Server

Intercessions

Music

Morning Tea

Flowers

Sacristan

Printing

8:00am

Sue Tregear

Sue Tregear

Sue Tregear

Fr Anthony

Robin Jellis

Judithe Atkinson

Alma Brand

9:30am

Ros Smith & Pat Ludwick

Cath Ortlieb

Christine Youings

Ron McKenzie

Chloe Bedlow

Peter Bedlow

Barrie Harding & Bruce Tudball

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Weekly services

Sunday	8:00am Eucharist
	9:30am Eucharist
	'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)
Tuesday	<i>Fr Anthony's day of rest!</i>
Wednesday	10:00am Eucharist
Friday	10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for coffee and chat.

Commitment to Child Safety: At the Church of the Ascension we follow Christ in being a caring Church welcoming of all, extending his love and invitation of new life.

In ministry to children, young people and vulnerable adults we are committed to providing an environment that is physically, emotionally and spiritually safe and supportive.

We have a zero-tolerance approach to Child abuse or abuse of vulnerable people.

This includes a culture of child-safety and of inclusivity for people of cultural and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, people with disability or any other specific group.

Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au