



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds ...



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Third Sunday after Pentecost
13 June 2021

Pastoral Introduction

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Mass setting: *A Community Mass* (Richard Proulx)

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Introit

Exultet Caelum Laudibus – text from Ps 5 (Plainsong)

Processional Hymn

In water we grow [TIS 494]

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

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

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

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
baptises our knowing,
and waters the earth.

Brian Arthur Wren, 1936 –

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of Approach

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.

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Cantor *Lord have mercy*

All **Lord have mercy**

Cantor *Christ have mercy*

All **Christ have mercy**

Cantor *Lord have mercy*

All **Lord have mercy**

A Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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 in excelsis

**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,
receive, 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, Amen.**

A Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

Collect of the Day.

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until

he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 20

- 1 May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble:
the God of Jacob lift you up to safety.
- 2 May he send you his help from the sanctuary:
and be your strong support from Zion.
- 3 May he remember all your offerings:
and accept with favour your burnt sacrifices,
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire:
and fulfil all your purposes.
- 5 May we also rejoice in your victory
and triumph in the name of our God:
the Lord perform all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord will save his anointed:
that he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses:
but we will trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They are brought down and fallen:
but we are made strong and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, save the king:
and hear us when we call upon you.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6–10,14–17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

The Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower,
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Dean

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate

The priest addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Sawyer Warren Barnes who has come to be baptized today.

Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as he begins his journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The priest then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for Sawyer today. Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

We will.

The Decision

The priest addresses the candidates through his parents, godparents and sponsors

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

Do you reject evil?
I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Sawyer, saying

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Then the priest says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The priest addresses the congregation

Let us affirm,
together with these who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Baptism

The priest pours water on the child, saying

Sawyer Warren, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Commission

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Sawyer, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation may greet the newly baptized with applause.

The priest introduces the Peace in these or other seasonal words

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

Father, we give you thanks [TIS 495]

**Father, we you thanks, who planted
your holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus your Son to us imparts.**

**Lord, you have made all for your pleasure,
and given us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the bread eternal;
yours is the power, be yours the praise.**

**Over your church, Lord, watch in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in your love, unite it,
cleansed and conforming to your will.**

**As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so may your world-wide church be gathered
into the kingdom of your Son.**

From the Didache c. 110
tr. Francis Bland Tucket 1895–1984 alt.

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 this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink
Blessed be God for ever.

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, ever living 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.

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

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.
You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,
and calling us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

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

**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.'

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 celebrant breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

A Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy thing for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

Holy Communion

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Anthem:

Panis Angelicus – Cesar Franck arr. Philip Dale

Community Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Mission Hymn

We plough the fields [TIS 130]

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the cold in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for such abounding love.*

**We glorify the maker
of everything that is,
who gives to us to care for
the earth, the air, the seas,
who wills that all the peoples
might have their daily bread,
that we might share our plenty
as channels of God's love.**

**We thank you, gracious giver
of all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Help us in our thanksgiving
to use your gifts with care,
to serve as friends and neighbours
your children everywhere.**

Composite verses based on Matthias Claudius 1740–1815

The celebrant says

Eternal God,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

The celebrant blesses the congregation.

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

A lighted candle is given to the parents and godparents, and then the priest says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

Make a joyful noise – Alan Viner

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Ruth Kingsley

Joan Marr

John McAnally

Kay Metcalfe

Eileen Rogan

Val Rogers

Muriel Shepherd

Tammy Uren

Jessie Usher

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed: Nancy Spencer

Year's Mind: Roger Charlier, Dorothy Rae, Lurline Roberts, Colin Lee, Rex Shepherd, Doris Child, May Bielefeld, and Sandra Leask.

Around the Parish this Week

Today

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online:

<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream>

11.00am All Saints Church, Lawrence

Weekdays

Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer are said online at 8.30am and 5.30pm every day except Sunday mornings. **You are welcome to join us any time you are free.** Simply use the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/edac3xz5>

Wednesday worship: 10.00am

Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support.

If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Greg, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.

**PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE
AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT
THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

Next
Sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online:

<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream>

10.30am Parish Council



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