



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



STORM SUNDAY

Season of Creation
15 September 2019

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are here: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Baptism within a celebration of the Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

The Cathedral is open every day. Free WIFI is available in the Cathedral and throughout our gardens.

You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

Storm Sunday

A special focus for this service is a 'storm experience'. We enter into God's presence appearing in a storm as God did on Mount Sinai. Sometimes, in the Old Testament, God is depicted as riding on clouds with the winds as messengers racing ahead. At other times God's voice is portrayed as thunder. God often seems to be present deep within a storm. For Elijah, however, God was not present in the storm or the earthquake, but in the silence.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

*Welcome to this celebration of Baptism during the Eucharist on this third Sunday of the Season of Creation as we bring **Hudson Hasler and Alexis Saunders** into the community of the disciples of Jesus.*

Mass Setting *St Thomas Mass (David Thorne)*

Introit *Rector potens, verax Deus (Plainsong)*

Prior to the liturgical procession entering the Cathedral, the families of Hudson and Alexis gather near the entrance to the Cathedral as the priest begins the service.

In the name of God,
present in the thunder of a storm.
In the name of Christ,
Present in the stillness after the storm.
In the name of the Spirit,
present in the winds of the storm. Amen

***All* Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth are filled with God's presence.**

Christ, we come to into this sanctuary, today,
we enter your presence, even in the storm.

***All* Holy! Holy! Holy!
Earth is filled with your presence.**

The priest continues

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you—Hudson and Alexis—together with your sponsors and family.

We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Entrance Hymn

I'm an Earth Being (No 3 from Habel Hymns Vol III]

**Born of this planet, I'm an Earth being,
Born of this planet, I'm an Earth child.
One with all beings, born of this planet,
I'm an Earth being, one with the wild.**

**Born of this planet, baptized with moisture,
I'm an Earth being, blessed by her rains;
Rising from oceans, flowing through rivers,
Earth's sacred waters pulse through my veins.**

**Born of this planet, flowing with breezes,
Children inhale Earth's infinite breath;
Earth's holy breathing enters my body,
Creating a presence deeper than death.**

**Born of this planet, one speck of stardust,
We feel the pulsing deep in our soul,
Mystr'y like music throbs in the landscape,
Earth like a mother, makes our lives whole.**

Norman Habel

A minister says

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

St Thomas Mass Setting

The priest then says the Collect of the Day.

God, our Creator, as we face the storms of this world, we celebrate the wonders of the wind and the weather. Help us to see your presence, not only in the forces of nature, but also among those who suffer from natural disasters. Teach us to recognise that your Wisdom is embedded in all natural forces, a Wisdom that guides, controls and limits them. In the name of Christ, your Wisdom among us in human form, stilling the storm and renewing your creation.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Old Testament

[Job 28:20-27]

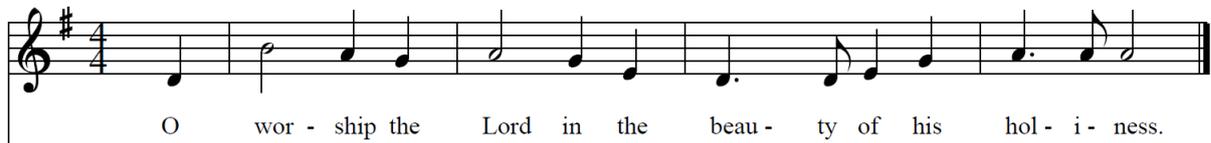
Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'

God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt; then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out.

Hear the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29



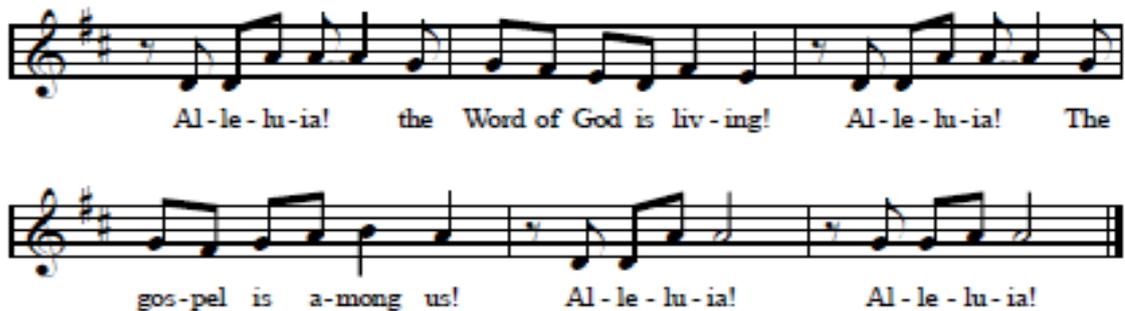
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. (Response)
- 7 The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.' (Response)

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

(Response)

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel reading.



The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [8:22–25]

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE BAPTISM LITURGY

The Presentation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Hudson and Alexis who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support them as they begins their journey of faith?

All We will.

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

All 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 Hudson and Alexis today. Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

All We will.

The Decision

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?

All I do.

Do you reject evil?

All I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

All I do.

Blessing of 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.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these children 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?

All 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?

All 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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

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

The Baptism

The priest pours water on each candidate, saying

Hudson / Alexis, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Signing with the Cross

The priest takes the Oil of Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on each child's forehead, saying

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

The priest may invite parents, godparents and sponsors to sign each child with the cross.

Then the priest says

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

**All 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.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism
into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The Prayers

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for these children
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.

Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes and loved ones from all evil.

Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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.

All Amen.

The Welcome and the Sign of Peace

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

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

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
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

O worship the King all-glorious above [TIS 133]

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail:
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though faltering their praise,
with true adoration shall sing all their days.**

Robert Grant 1779-1838 *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 these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 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
and rising to new life,
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 saying:

**All 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.'

All 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:

**All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**All so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The priest invites people to the Table of Jesus with these words

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

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 priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

During the time that people are receiving Holy Communion or coming to the priest for a blessing, you are invited to light a candle as a prayer for someone or some matter which is on your mind, or simply to sit quietly and enjoy a short period of stillness in the presence of God.

Communion anthems

"Holy Spirit, truth divine" (Andrew Carter)

"Jesu, lover of my soul" (David Wilson)

Community notices and personal celebrations

Mission Hymn

In suffering love the thread of life [TIS 177]

**In suffering love the thread of life
is woven through our care,
for God is with us, not alone
our pain and toil we bear.**

**There is a rock, a place secure
within the storm's cold blast;
concealed within the suffering night
God's covenant stands fast.**

**In love's deep womb our fears are held;
there God's rich tears are sown
and bring to birth, in hope new-born,
the strength to journey on.**

**Lord, to our hearts your joy commit,
into our hands your pain;
so send us out to touch the world
with blessings in your name.**

**In suffering love our God comes now,
hope's vision born in gloom;
with tears and laughter shared and blessed
the desert yet will bloom.**

Rob W Johns 1941-87

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Gracious God,
in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

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.**

The Blessing

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth
and the pulsing of Christ in creation,
through whom all things are reconciled and renewed;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always
All **Amen.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The minister or another person may give a lighted candle to each of the children.

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.

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

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia.**

Organ Postlude – *Grand March in Gregorian tonality* (Alexandre
Guilmant)

NEXT SATURDAY

ABM GATHERING GRAFTON CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION is how our church works together with partners around the globe to assist them with aid, development and mission work.



JOIN US NEXT SATURDAY • LEARN MORE ABOUT ABM AND ITS WORK

The Diocesan Branch of the Anglican Board of Mission is holding their annual fund-raising day at the Cathedral on Saturday 21 September starting at 10 am and finishing about 2 pm. There will be a Eucharist at 11.00am and a simple lunch will be held in the Parish Centre about midday.

All are welcome but to assist with catering please register via the Cathedral office.



LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Our regular monthly lunchtime concert will be this Wednesday 18 September at 12.30pm. As we are observing Creationtide in our services this month, the themes for this month's recital will be *Creation & Spring*. All are welcome to come along to this free recital. Tea and coffee provided. Bring your lunch and bring some friends!

30 Oct – 2 Nov 2019 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The theme for this year's Festival of Flowers is "Bridges of the Clarence" and will celebrate many of the different river crossings in the Clarence Valley. The festival runs from Wednesday, 30 October to Saturday, 2 November 2019. If you would like a floral tribute in memory of a loved one to be displayed during the Festival, please contact: Leoné Roberts (6644 9211) or Beth Wykes (6644 7344) before Monday 14 October. It is essential that you get your request in early so the flowers can be ordered and delivered on time. The cost of each arrangement is \$50.00.



VOLUNTEER

CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP & OPPORTUNITY SHOP

More volunteers are needed to assist in these two important agencies in the life of the Cathedral Parish. If you can help us please call into the Office or speak with one of the volunteers to express your interest and see how you can help. All our present volunteers would love to see you. Just a few hours in a week would make a huge difference.



FOOD conversation FUN

FRIENDS FOR LUNCH • EVERY THURSDAY, 12 NOON to 1.30PM

Come and share a light lunch between 12.00 and 1.30pm, every Thursday in the Parish Centre at Grafton Cathedral. Lunch is free, but as gold coin donation is welcome. This is not a fund-raising event, but an opportunity to develop community and foster new friendships.

A special thank you to all those who have offered to assist with catering and logistics. Extra people are always welcome so if you cannot join in straight away don't worry—we would love to see you anytime. We especially need more people to help on the second and fourth Thursdays each month.

If you would like further information or you can help in any way please speak with Mother Camellia: 0417 928 914, priest @graftoncathedral.org.au

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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook
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Gail Gilmore
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley
Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Eileen Rogan
Val Rogers
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher
Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Ila Graham, Jock Lowe

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	Creation 3 – Storm Sunday 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (Holy Apostles, Copmanhurst)
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Tuesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.30am – Eucharist (St Catherine’s Villa) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral) 12.30pm – Lunchtime Recital (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Parish Council
Thursday	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 12.00pm – Friends for Lunch (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall)
Friday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – Eucharist (St Francis Aged Care) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	St Matthew, Apostle and Martyr 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – ABM Gathering (Edwards Hall) 11.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral)
Next Sunday	Creation 4 – Cosmos Sunday 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence)

Next Sunday’s roster: Neville and Judy Pollock (sidespeople), Robyn Higham (Reader 1) Cathy Eggins (Reader 2 & Prayers), Peter Mears (Morning Tea)



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