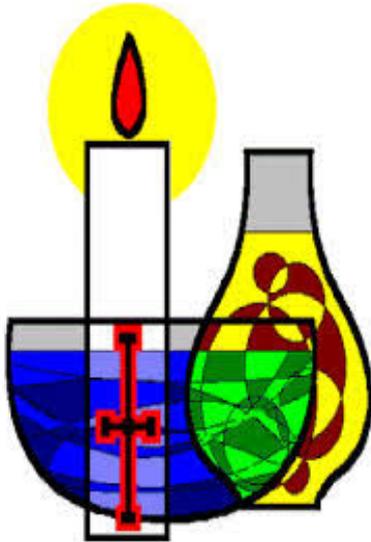


PASTORAL INTRODUCTION



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 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

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Prior to the liturgical procession entering the Cathedral, the families of those to be baptised gather beside the Baptism Chapel near the entrance to the Cathedral.

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

All And also with you.

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.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

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 children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, Isabella, Isabelle and Ivy, together with your sponsors and families.

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

Processional Hymn

Father welcomes all his children [TIS 491]

***Father welcomes all his children
to his family through his Son;
Father giving his salvation,
life for ever has been won.***

**Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these;
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin.**

**In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured:
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again.**

**Let us daily die to sin,
let us daily rise with him,
walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
live in the peace of God.**

[Robin Mann 1949-]

The 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.**

This Hymn of Praise may be said or sung.

**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 priest then says the Collect of the Day.

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the New Testament

[1 Corinthians 12:1–11]

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

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 John [2:1-11]

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE BAPTISM LITURGY

The priest invites all candidates and their sponsors to gather at the Font where they are joined by the congregation.

The Presentation

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

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

Will you support these children *as* they begin 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 Isabelle, Isabella, and Ivy 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* 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

*Isabella/Isabelle/Ivy, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

All Amen.

If the newly baptized are clothed with a white robe, then a minister may say

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Signing with the Cross

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

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

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

When all the candidates have been signed, 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 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:
Isabella, Isabelle, and Ivy,
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

We are your people [TIS 468]

**We are your people;
Spirit of grace,
you dare to make us
to all our neighbours,
Christ's living voice, hands and face.**

**Joined in community,
treasured and fed
may we discover
gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.**

**Rich in diversity,
help us to live,
closer than neighbours,
open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.**

**Glad of tradition,
help us to see
in all of life's changing,
where you are leading,
we are our best efforts should be.**

**Give, as we venture
justice and care
(peaceful, resisting,
waiting or risking)
wisdom to know when and where**

**Christ as we serve you
in different ways,
may all we're doing
show that you're living,
meeting your love with our praise.**

Brian Arthur Wren, 1936 –

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

All 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

All 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.

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.**



***celebrate* AUSTRALIA DAY
Sunday, 27 January @ 9am**

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 at the serving point closest to the Altar.

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.

Community notices and personal celebrations

Mission 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,
is well of new birth
baptises our knowing,
and waters the earth.**

Brian Arthur Wren, 1936 –

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray.

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

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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 each of the newly baptized a lighted candle.

When all have received a candle, the minister 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.

**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.

All Thanks be to God.

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A generous faith community centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion in the heart of Grafton since 1842

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Christ Church Cathedral serves the civic community of Grafton and the Clarence Valley Regional Council.

All are welcome
We seek to form and sustain an inclusive Christian community. Our mission is five-fold:
(1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
(2) To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
(3) To respond to human need by loving service.
(4) To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
(5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Welcome to 2019
As the Dean of Grafton, it is my privilege to reach out to all the people in our diverse Cathedral community as we start a new year of blessing and service.
According to the most recent census data, Anglicans are the largest religious community in Grafton with just over 4,000 adherents.
Imagine the impact we can have on our community when we mobilise all our people, and not just the 2,700 from the Cathedral Parish.
We have a lot of lost ground to make up, and especially with families who have young children and the grandparents of those children.
In this first newsletter for 2019 you will see that we are a vibrant and creative community with much to offer, and we are much more than a Sunday worship gathering.
We do that as well—and in fine Cathedral style—but every day of the week. Anglicans from the Cathedral are making a difference in the community. For the most we do this anonymously as we simply seek to be agents for God's love in the local community and the wider world.
Chances are you already know lots of Grafton Anglicans. But you may not know they are Anglican, and they may not realise you are as well.
Get involved and make a difference, for the sake of our community.

*Greg Jenks
Dean of Grafton*

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CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

The first newsletter for 2019 is now available so please pick up your copy today and maybe take a couple of extra copies to share with family and friends. It can also be downloaded from the Cathedral website and shared by email.

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

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.



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