



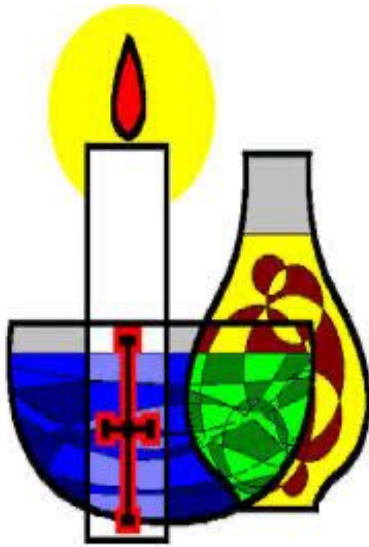
# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



"Bronze serpent" monument at Mt Nebo in Jordan.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 14 MARCH 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 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

Mass setting: *Parish Eucharist* (Michael Dudman)

## Acknowledgement of Country

## Welcome to Baptism Candidate

Prior to the liturgical procession entering the Cathedral, the families of those to be baptised gather 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.

**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. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

So we welcome you, Aria with your sponsors and family.

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

## Introit

*Come to us, creative Spirit*

music: Richard Proulx (arr R Eather); text: David Mowbray

## Prayer of Preparation

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.

## Confession and absolution

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and keep you in life eternal.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect

Everlasting God  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:  
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,  
no weakness prevent us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### A Reading from the Old Testament

Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

*1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:  
for his loving mercy is for ever.*

*2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:  
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,*

*3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:  
from the north and from the south.*

*17 Fools were far gone in transgression:  
and because of their sins were afflicted.*

*18 They sickened at any food:  
and had come to the gates of death.*

*19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:  
and he took them out of their trouble.*

*20 He sent his word and healed them:  
and saved their life from the Pit.*

*21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:  
and for the wonders that he does  
for the children of Adam;*

*22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:  
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.*

## The Gospel

[John 3:14-21]

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son:  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is

the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**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 Aria Rose who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as she begins her journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help her 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 Aria Rose today. Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

**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?

**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.**

## 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

Let us affirm,  
together with Aria who is 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.**

## **The Baptism**

The priest pours water on each candidate, saying

Aria Rose, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **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.

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for this child  
and grant her your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon her your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect her home from all evil.  
Fill her with the light of your presence  
and establish her in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
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.**

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.**

All may exchange a sign of peace in a COVID-safe manner.

## THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn: *Wash, O God, our sons and daughters* (TIS 493)

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
where your cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people;  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and hearts delight.

We who bring them long for nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking  
Cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways.  
To your name be glory, honour!  
With our lives we worship, praise.  
We your people stand before you,  
Water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God, transform.

Ruth C. Duck 1947 –

The gifts 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 our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,  
yet he did not sin.

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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 HOLY COMMUNION

The priest 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 sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.*

The priest elevates the consecrated elements and calls the people of God to the Table of Jesus.

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

## Communion Anthems

*Christ be with me* – Johann Pachelbel arr. Noel Rawsthorne  
*I give you a new commandment* – Peter Aston

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.

## Notices

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Final hymn: *God is love* (TIS 153)

God is love, let heav'n adore him;  
God is love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God, who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heavens above,  
and who breathes through all creation  
God is love, eternal Love.

God is love, and gently enfolding  
all the world in one embrace,  
with unfailing grasp is holding  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that self-same aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love, and, though with blindness  
sin afflicts our human hearts,  
God's eternal lovingkindness  
holding, guiding, grace imparts.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

#### The celebrant says

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.**

#### Blessing & Dismissal

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.

**Amen.**

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

The minister or another person may give all the newly baptized a lighted candle. Then 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.

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

The gathered people of God are sent forth into the world.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### Organ Postlude

*Toccata in E minor* – Johann Pachelbel

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**210311 The bell tolls for Sacred People, Sacre...**  
 11 March 2021 – Solemn tolling of the bell at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton as part of the...



**210311 Music for Sacred People, Sacred Earth**  
 11 March 2021 – "Lied (Song) to the Mountains" by Flor Peeters, 1923-86. The fourth movement in hi...



**210307 Organ Postlude**  
 7 March 2021 – "Fantasia in C minor" (BMV 537) – J S Bach. Organist: R Eather.



**210307 Sermon**  
 7 March 2021 – Sermon for Volunteer Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton. Preacher: The...



**210307 DF27: The Shape of Worship**  
 7 March 2021 – Dean Forum, 27: The Shape of Worship. Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton...



**The Shape of Worship**  
 7 March 2021 – Simple video format for the Dean's Forum #27 at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton.



**Heritage works - Baptistry Roof**  
 May – October 2018 – Conservation work on the roof of the Baptistry at Christ Church Cathedral,...



**Heritage Fences**  
 Visual record of new fences within the Grafton Cathedral Heritage Precinct in late 2019 and early...



**210221 Organ Postlude**  
 21 February 2021 – "Finale in D minor" (Eric Thiman). Cathedral Organist & Director of Music:...



**210221 Sermon for Lent 1B**  
 21 February 2021 – Sermon for the First Sunday in Lent, Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton. Preacher:...



**Chapel Roof Flyover**  
 Video and stills from a drone flyover of the completed heritage works on the chapel roof at...



**Southern Vestries Roof Works**  
 Compilation of photographs showing state of the roof over the Southern Vestries at Christ Church...



**210217 Ash Wednesday Sermon**  
 17 February 2021 – Sermon for Ash Wednesday at Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton. Preacher: The...

## NEW VIDEOS ON THE CATHEDRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Have you visited the Grafton Cathedral YouTube channel recently?

See the link at the bottom of this page, or just search for "Grafton Cathedral" on YouTube.

Recent additions to the Cathedral channel include:

- **Sacred People, Sacred Earth** videos from 11 March 2021
- **Sunday Services**
- **Wednesday Services**
- **Sermons**
- **Organ Music**
- **Dean's Forum, 27: The Shape of Worship**
- **Heritage Works video archive:** Baptistry roof, Heritage Fences, Chapel & Northern Transept, Southern Vestry Roof



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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:

**Year's Mind:** William Collinson Sawyer (First Bishop of Grafton & Armidale).

## Around the Parish this Week

Today

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Mothering Sunday)**

**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.

We have a number of people from around the Diocese as well as parishioners who join us via Zoom for some of these daily prayer services.

**You are welcome to join us any time you are free.** Simply use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2379732870?pwd=eFRvaEpiWmJxaDZldDlkdVJiNm9Zdz09>

**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

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**9.00am – Cathedral Live Online:**

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



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