ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF WANGRATTA

THE PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST AND THE WARBYS

ST PAUL'S, GLENROWAN

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11th September 2021

11.00am Eucharist with Baptism of Mason Davide Bosch



Baptism is a sacrament of the church linked to the life of Jesus. It is first and foremost a religious ceremony and should have deep significance, not only for the person being baptised, but also for those asked to be Sponsors or Godparents. Taking on this duty without understanding the aspects of Christian faith connected to the ceremony, will diminish the integrity of what baptism truly achieves. We proceed with the service on the basis of faith.

Worshippers are invited to place their Offerings in the Bowl at the Entrance to the Church before the Service begins.

No collection will be taken up during the Service.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Priest Welcomes and Greets the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit; there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.

Opening Hymn TiS 135

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful—the Lord God made them all.

- The wildflowers in their beauty, the mountain ranges tall, the billabongs and rivers, and friendly birds that call. Chorus
- The cold wind in the winter, the bright, life-giving sun, the ripe fruits in the garden he made them every one. Chorus
- 3. The coloured walls of gorges, the gum trees green and tall, the rocks, and pools, and palm trees, the sparkling waterfall, *Chorus*
- 4. The many-coloured corals, the creatures of the sea, of bushland, field or desert, on farms, or roaming free, *Chorus*
- 5. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty who has made all things well. *Chorus*

Cecil Frances Alexander 1818–95 (vv. 2 alt., 5, and refrain)
Brian Black 1926– (vv. 1 and 3)
Compilers (v. 4)

The minister may continue with these or similar words

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, Jesus 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.

So we welcome you, Mason, with your sponsors and families. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The priest 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.

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.

The priest says

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

The Hymn of Praise is 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 Collect

Let us pray

A period of silent prayer is kept, after which the priest prays:

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy [1. 1-2, 12-17]

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Speak Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [15. 1-10] Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety -nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors to stand in view of the congregation. The priest may say these or similar words.

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.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up this child in the faith and practice of the Church.

In due time this child should make his own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

The priest says to the sponsors

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Mason for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Mason? I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Mason in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

The priest says

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil? I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The priest says to the sponsors and the congregation

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest says to the candidates and sponsors

Do you affirm this faith as yours? **I do.**

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

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers

We will.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Mason may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give to his sponsors, Jaxon and Alysha, and his parents Ashlee and Brenton, the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of Christ's Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world in which we live, for peace and harmony among all people. Bring healing and wholeness to the sick, and to those who mourn and to all in need.

We pray especially for those commended to our prayers, and those we name in the silence now; God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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 BAPTISM

The Baptismal party moves to the Font and this prayer is said

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit. Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

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

And now we give you thanks that you have called Mason to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and + sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest baptises, saying

Mason, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

the priest makes a cross on the forehead, saying

Mason, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

and the congregation responds, saying

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

the priest says

Mason, God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

and the congregation joins the minister in saying

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

the priest says

Mason, God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the minister in saying

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All may Greet one another with a COVID Safe Greeting of Peace (no handshakes, no hugging etc.)

Offertory Hymn: TiS 152.

- Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love; hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, singing bird and flowing fountain call to praise you joyfully.
- 3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
 You our Father, Christ our brother, all are yours who live in love; teach us how to love each other, lift us to your joy above.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.

Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.

You have given it to us to care for,

so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God.

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,

you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,

and bring us back to you.

He showed us how to love you

and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you.

He frees us from hate and fear.

from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God.

we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that in baptism you have united us to Jesus

and brought us out of darkness into light.

You pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and call us to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, 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.

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine; may we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,

'Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.

He shared the cup with them and said,

'This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

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

Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei-said

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communicant members of any Christian church are welcome to share Holy Communion here today.

If you want a blessing and not Communion, please keep your hands by your side when you are at the Communion Rail.

Prayer after Communion

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. Amen.

Notices

Concluding Hymn—TiS 229

 Jesus loves me, this I know, and the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.

> Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

- 2. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.'

 Yes. Jesus loves me ...
- Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me ...

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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 upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

THE PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF WANGARATTA WEST AND THE WARBYS

OUR VISION IS TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW A COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN CHRIST

OUR MISSION THEREFORE IS TO: REAP

- Reach out to all people, families, the marginalised and disadvantaged through Parish, community and personal engagement.
- Encourage and educate our parish community through discipleship initiatives.
- Advance and develop relationships with each other and the community through Pastoral Care.
- Promote, nourish and deepen our spiritual lives through worship and outreach

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