



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Wangaratta West and The Warbys

The First Sunday after Epiphany
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

12th January 2025

9.30am & 11.00am Eucharist

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: AHB 6/TiS 194. Tune, Puer Nobis Nascitur

- 1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!**
- 2. He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.**
- 3. For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore,
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.**
- 4. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.**
- 5. For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
for us He bore the cross and death,
for us at length gave up his breath.**
- 6. For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here,
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.**

Attrib. Thomas Kempis 1379-1471
tr. Benjamin Webb 1819-85 *alt*

The priest says the Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Words of welcome or introduction and The Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Sentence

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove,
and a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3.22

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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

Almighty God,

Who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son:

Inspire us, your children,

who are born again of water and the Spirit,

to surrender our lives to your service,

that we may rejoice to be called your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah [43. 1-7]

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south,

'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth –

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Psalm 29

**Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.**

**The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

**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.**

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

**The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.**

**The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles [8. 14-17]

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Hymn: TiS 250 [tune, Jackson or Capel]

- 1. Christ, when for us you were baptised,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a aflame.**

2. **God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true:
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.**
3. **Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.**
4. **Baptise us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.**

Francis Bland Tucker 1895-1984
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke [3. 15-22]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

‘You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.’

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

Sermon

A time for reflection may follow the sermon.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Most compassionate God, give us sufficient love and commitment to reach out with prayer and compassionate action to people both in and beyond the church:

To those of many races who on this Lord's Day are being baptized into the faith and family of Christ Jesus. Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

To Christians baptized long ago, but whose first faith has been eroded by the secular acids of greed and cynicism. Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

To the unbaptized whose first, urgent need is not words and rites, but food, medicine, employment and housing. Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

To young people who are being drawn away from Christ by the glitter and dazzle of cunningly marketed pop culture. Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

To embittered older folk who live so much in the past, and in church culture of earlier times, that they cannot see any good in the faith and practice of younger Christians. Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

To all the insecure and wistful souls, who go looking for a better way of life but are exploited by false messiahs, Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

Our prayers also reach out to those among us, who through sickness, grief, severe setback or cruel disappointment, are feeling the anguish of the bruised reed and flickering lamp.

Remembering especially: Sharon. Margot. Warren. Rob. Mark. Gwen. Shirley. Bp Garry. Josef. Wayne. Michael. Kaye.

Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

We give thanks for those whose lives glowed with the light of Christ and who are now in the nearer presence of that Light.

We pray this week for Mary Vickers who died recently and for Dorothy Hutchinson, Jim Slaughter and Margot Ballard, whose Years Mind occurs.

Lord of love, light and peace, **hear and use our prayer.**

The priest says:

May God the Creator, the rock of our salvation, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

At your baptism you turned to Christ,
repented of your sins, and renounced evil.

Do you now renew your allegiance to Christ?

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him
as my Saviour and Lord.**

Let us now confess the faith into which we were baptised
and in which we continue to live and grow

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in the God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you recognize Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

*The people may be Sprinkled with Holy Water
in remembrance of Baptism.*

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

You may like to share a Sign of Peace with those around you.

Offertory Hymn: TIS 491. Tune Kristin.

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

1. Little children, come to me,
for my kingdom is of these:
life and love I have to give,
mercy for your sin. ***Refrain***
2. In the water, in the word
in his promise, be assured;
those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again. ***Refrain***
3. 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. ***Refrain.***

This prayer may be said

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming spirit on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (EUCHARISTIC) 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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
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.**

And now, Father,
we pray that we who receive these your gifts
of bread and wine according to our Saviour's word
may be partakers of his body and blood. ✠

For on the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying
"Take, eat. This is my body which is 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
which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Therefore, according to his command,

**We remember his death on the cross.
We proclaim his resurrection to new life.
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life, to share in the body of Christ.
and that life is the light of the world:

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Agnus Dei is said or sung as the bread is broken.

**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 gives the invitation to receive communion.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point



Recessional Hymn: TiS 447; Tune, Moscow.

- 1. Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**
- 2. Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light.**
- 3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**
- 4. Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride;
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.**

Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

We have come to Christ, the living water.