A celebration of Holy Baptism in Holy Communion



Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
15 November 2026

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Introit O Lux Beata Trinitas (O Trinty of Blessed Light)

– Plainsong melody arranged R Eather (1971-)

The people stand when the Entrance Hymn is announced.

Entrance Hymn

TIS 652 *Come to us creative Spirit*

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The priest greets the people in these words:

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.

Scripture Sentence

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

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.

The minister says:

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, Ruthie & Loralei, with your sponsors and family.
We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

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

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

The Hymn of Praise, *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, receive, 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, Amen.

Collect

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading Judges 4.1-10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord , after Ehud died. 2 So the
Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the
commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites
cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed
the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of
Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah
and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement.
6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him,
'The Lord , the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing
ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera,
the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his
troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' 8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will
go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with you;
nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will
sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.
10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up
behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

Psalm 123 (Chant – William Turner (1651-1740))

1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

All stand for the Gospel reading.

The Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me as I abide in you;
those who abide in me bear much fruit.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[14] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well done, good

and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” [26] But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors of the candidates to present the candidates

We welcome Ruthie & Loralei who have come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

The sponsors answer:

We present Ruthie & Loralei to be baptised.

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

We will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

We are.

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

We will, with God’s help.

THE DECISION

The priest says to the sponsors:

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

Do you turn to Christ?

Sponsors **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 continues:

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all 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 minister says Let us pray

Grant, merciful God, that these children may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to children's sponsors and family the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

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

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. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The priest comes to the place where the water for baptism is, and begins the thanksgiving.

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.

The priest or other minister continues:

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.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that 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.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks, that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Thanks be to God.

The priest continues:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that they who are to be 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 PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest says to the baptismal sponsors. (Godparents and Parents)

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

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 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

The priest says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds:

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

The minister baptises Ruthie & Loralei saying:

Ruthie Rose, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Loralei Darling, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

When the children have been baptised, the priest makes a cross on their forehead, saying:

Ruthie & Loralei, 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 minister says:

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

The congregation responds:

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

The minister continues:

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation responds:

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

All stand

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.
The Greeting of Peace is exchanged.

Offertory Hymn

TIS 442 ***All praise to our redeeming Lord***

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 priest says

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, everliving 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 singing:

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.'

The priest says: 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

The priest says: 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 bread and says:
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Agnus Dei

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 peace.

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.
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(bread & wine) with us here today. Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing are invited to come forward and simply cross their arms in front of them. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion Anthem Ave Verum – W A Mozart (1756-1791)
Grant we beseech thee merciful Lord – Jack Hawes (1916-2004)

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.
Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices

Mission Hymn

TIS 560 ***All my hope on God is founded***

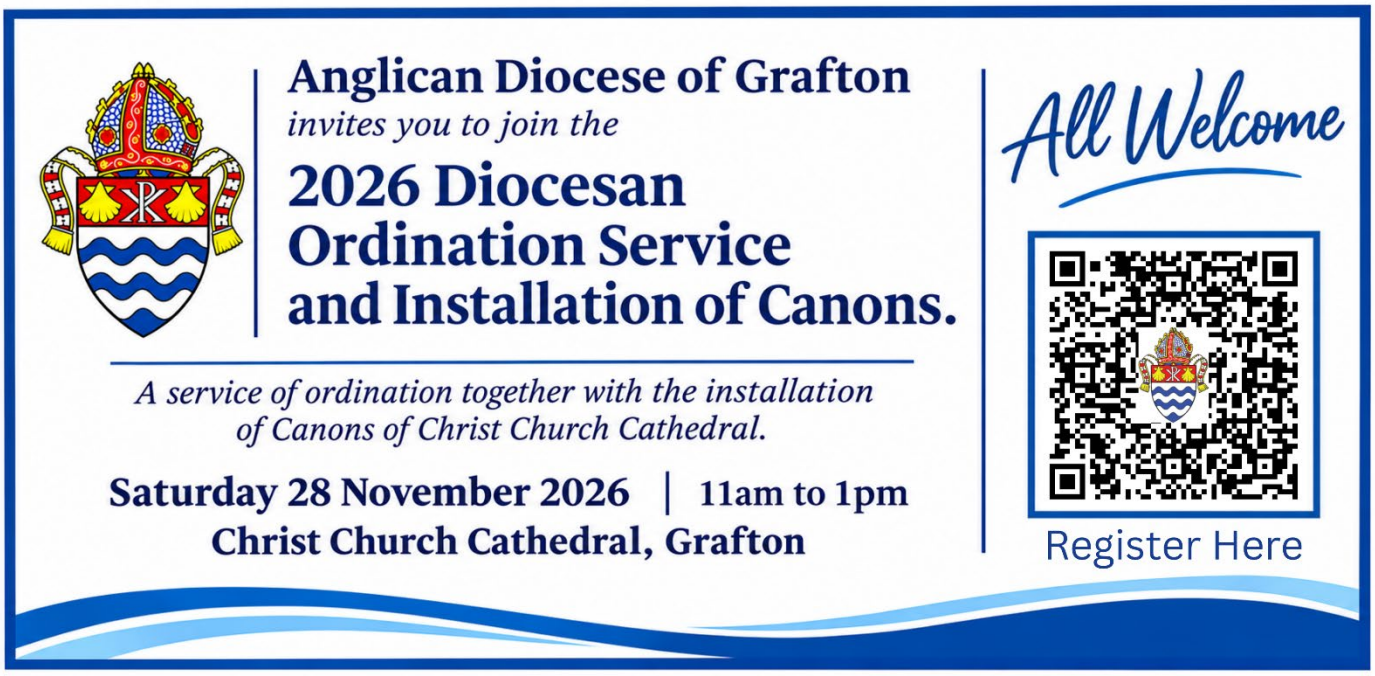
THE BLESSING

All stand.
The priest then blesses the congregation:
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.**

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

Postlude *Praeambulum* – Martin Radeck (1600-1760)



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Prayers for those in need			
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Remembering those who have died

Recently Departed: Archie Ranger, Earl Polsen, Valmai Blundell, Colleen Goodwin, Peter Roland, Dr Wendy Allan & Allan Boman,

Year's Mind: Kit Donnelly, Fred Swinghammer, Col Ware, Joseph McTear, Kay Peoples, Eileen Challacombe, Maxwell McInnes, Don Graham, Kath Mitchell, Merle Amos & Elsie Braund.

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Around the Parish this Week	
Today	**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST** **9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online:** www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
Weekdays	**Morning Prayer** 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom **Evening Prayer** 5.15 Mon - Fri **Zoom only** Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom **Cathedral Office** **9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)** **Cathedral Shop** **10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)** **Wednesday** **Worship Eucharist** **at 10.00 am** **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 Naomi or Deacon Grant.**
Next Sunday	**CHRIST THE KING – PATRONAL FESTIVAL** **Bishop Murray Harvey preaching and presiding.** **9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online:** www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
Birthdays this coming week	**None this week, be sure to let the Parish Office know when your special day is.**

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.

Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

ADVENT VIDEO REFLECTIONS

Each Sunday in Advent
Featuring Rev Canon Prof Emerita Dorothy Lee with the Cathedral music and prayer

TAIZE SERVICE

Wed 2 Dec 8.30am
Advent Stillness
Taize Meditative Prayer

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Fri 18 Dec 10am
Anglicare Community Event
sausage sizzle, kids' activities, cake stall, 2nd hand school uniform op shop sale & Santa visit

ADVENT FAMILY SERVICE

Sun 6 Dec 5.00pm
Godly Play storytelling for the whole family

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

Fri 18 Dec 4pm
Rehearsal for Children & Teenagers to act, read, sing or dance in the Christmas Eve Service.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Fri 18 Dec 6.30pm
Nine Lessons & Carols with the Cathedral Choir.
Join the joy of Christmas! Sing with the Cathedral Choir for this special service - RSVP to music@graftoncathedral.org.au

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's Christmas Service
11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service with Cathedral Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Morning Eucharist



Oh come, all ye faithful!

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