

A celebration of Holy Baptism in Holy Communion



Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Entrance Hymn

In faith and hope and love TIS 628

In faith and hope and love with joyful trust we move towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map, our road to the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way; Christ our rescue when we stray.

Christ our shelter, Christ our friend, our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward; our redeemer and our Lord.

James Phillip McAuley (1917-76)

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The priest greets the people in these words:

Christ is risen. Alleluia. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Scripture Sentence

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10-11

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 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, Hazel Annmaree Tyrrell with your sponsors (Godparents) 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.

A pause for reflection

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 *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.

The Collect

The priest says: Let us pray O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 8.26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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

Psalm

22.26-32

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him— may their hearts rejoice for ever!
28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
29 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.
30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

- 31 But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Second Reading

1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

All stand for the Gospel reading.
The Gospel

John 15.1-8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

THE PRESENTATION

We welcome Hazel who comes to be baptised. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

The sponsors answer

We present Hazel to be baptised.

The priest says to the sponsors

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

l will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Hazel?

I am.

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

I 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? 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

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 minister says

Let us pray.

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

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

May she know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May she 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 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 Hazel your servant 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 says to the sponsors

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 candidate is brought to the water. The minister baptises by pouring water over them, saying Hazel, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Sponsors and the congregation Amen.

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AFTER BAPTISM

The priest makes a cross on the forehead, saying Hazel, 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 joins the minister saying

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 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

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 in a safe way.

Offertory Hymn

While morning is still breaking TIS 104 (t361)

While morning still is breaking and day replaces night, beneath God's care awaking we thank him for new light. We thank him that he calls us to life and health anew; whatever now befalls us his care will still be true.

O Israel's guardian, hear us, watch over us this day; in all we do be near us. For others, too, we pray; to you we would commend them, our church, our youth, our land; direct them and defend them when dangers are at hand.

O grant us peace and gladness, give us our daily bread, shield us from grief and sadness, on us your blessings shed. Grant that our whole behaviour in truth and righteousness may praise you, Lord, our Saviour, whose holy name we bless.

You are our vine: O nourish your branches, so that we may grow in you and flourish and ever fruitful be; your Spirit pour within us, and let the gifts of grace to those good actions win us that best may show your praise.

Johann Muhlmann (1573-1613)

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.'

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.

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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 forward and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Communion Anthem

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arr. Noel Rawsthorne – From the cantata "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leven", BWV 147

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.

All say together:

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.

Notices

Mission Hymn

Yours be the glory TIS 380

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes, where your body lay. *Refrain*

> Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory over death you've won.

See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord is living, death has lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without you: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through your deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *Refrain*

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)

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 priest says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

"Maccabaeus" - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

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Remembering those who have died			
Year's Mind: Jessie Hanna, Lyle McLachlan, Esma Lever & Necia Green			

	Around the Parish this Week		
Today	Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au		
Birthdays this week	Grace Clague & Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan		
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Wed, Thurs & Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom		
	Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & 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)		
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Next Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au		

PENTECOST

Saturday 18 May 4.00pm Organ Recital to celebrate our Music Director's 25th anniversary at the Cathedral. Followed by supper & celebratory refreshments Sunday 19 May 9.00am Bishop Richard Hurford preaching & presenting our Music Director Robert Eather with his Honorary Fellowship of the Guild of Church Musicians Sunday 19 May 5.00pm a Pentecost Children & Family Service

