



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

A celebration of

BAPTISM and EUCHARIST for EARTH SUNDAY 2019



Second Sunday of Easter

28 April 2019

REFLECTIONS FOR EARTH SUNDAY

On this Earth Sunday, I invite you to rethink the place of Earth in our faith, and also the significance of our Easter faith for Earth.

If you are willing and able to do that, I dare say that your view of God will be transformed, as will your view of Earth—and of your own self.

It is sound Christian theology to affirm that God took human *flesh* and not simply human *form*. The Christ among us is not a phantom, but God as a real authentic human person.

Jesus is not a divine smoke and mirrors trick, but God enfleshed in humanity.

We can therefore affirm that God herself becomes—and remains for all eternity as—*Earthling*.

Perhaps not ‘an Earthling’ but possibly ‘the ultimate Earthling’: the Second Adam.

We are children of Earth, fashioned from the Earth by the creative invitation of God.

More than that, God has assumed Earthliness through the incarnation.

Christians speak of the God ‘in whom we live and move and have our being’.

As Earthlings all of us, we can also affirm that in Earth we encounter a continuing (eternal) expression of *Emmanuel*, God with us; indeed, God as one of us.

As we baptise Jace and Rylee this morning, we also dedicate ourselves to protect our shared but fragile Earth for them and for their children.

An edited extract from the sermon for Earth Sunday 2018
<https://gregoryjenks.com/2018/04/21/earthlings-first-and-last/>

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Setting *St Thomas Mass (David Thorne)*

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

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.

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

So we welcome you, Jace and Rylee, together with your sponsors and families.

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

Processional Hymn

That Eastertide with joy was bright [TIS 360 part 2]

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
*alleluia, alleluia!***

**when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!***

**He showed to them his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.**

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,
come now yourself our hearts possess
that we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

Anon., Latin c. 7th Cent. tr. John Mason Neale, 1818 – 66, *alt.*

The minister 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.

***All* Lord, have mercy.**

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

***All* 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

The priest then says the Collect of the Day.

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. .

All **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the New Testament

[Acts 5:27–32]

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted

him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

118:14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.

17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Gospel

All stand for the Gospel reading.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20:19,26–31]

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ... A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE BAPTISM LITURGY

The Presentation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Jace and Rylee who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support them as he begins their journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

All 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 Jace and Rylee today. Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

All 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?

All I do.

Do you reject evil?

All I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

All I do.

Blessing of 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.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with these children 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?

All 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?

All 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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All 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

*Jace Matthew / Rylee Jean, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

All 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 Jace and Rylee with the cross.

Then the priest says

Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.

**All 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.

All 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.
All Amen.

The Prayers

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for these children
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.

Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from all evil.

Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.

All Amen.

The Welcome and the Sign of Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Lachlan, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All 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
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

By your kingly power, O risen Lord [TIS 386]

***By your kingly power, O risen Lord,
All that Adam lost is now restored:
In your resurrection be adored.***

**Sing the joyful Easter cry,
sound it to the souls in prison,
shout our triumph to the sky:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

**Sing the joyful Easter cry,
let all times and peoples listen:
death has no more victory,
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

**Death has lost and life has won;
every new born soul we christen
has the Father's child become:
sing Christ risen, sing Christ risen.**

James Phillip McAuley (1917 – 1976)

The gifts of the people 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

All 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

All 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.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator.

Lord our God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Your eternal Word called forth all things to be: for space, stars and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Your Spirit is the life impulse in all things, renewing the barren and healing the wounded, groaning in anticipation of a new creation, stirring a new life born of water and the Spirit.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die and rise from death to redeem humankind, to renew creation and to affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air—filling every element and place, filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Lord our God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole

company of creation we proclaim your presence among us, for ever praising you and saying:

**All 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.'

**All 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:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**All so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The priest invites people to the Table of Jesus with these words

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

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 priest knows their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the serving point closest to the Altar.

During the time that people are receiving Holy Communion or coming to the priest for a blessing, you are invited to light a candle as a prayer for someone or some matter which is on your mind, or simply to sit quietly and enjoy a short period of stillness in the presence of God.

Communion - O filii et filiae - Colin Mawby

Community notices and personal celebrations

Mission Hymn

Now the green blade rises [TIS 382]

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
*Love has come again like wheat that spring up green.***

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain;
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
*Love has come again like wheat that spring up green.***

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
*Love has come again like wheat that spring up green.***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
*Love has come again like wheat that spring up green.***

John M C Crum, 1872-1958, alt.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

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.**

The Blessing

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth
and the pulsing of Christ in creation,
through whom all things are reconciled and renewed;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always

All Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The minister or another person may give a lighted candle to each of the children.

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.

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

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude – Noel Nouvelet Malcolm Archer

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us today.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of 'common prayer' in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves ('our souls and our bodies') for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are here: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Baptism within a celebration of the Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

The Cathedral is open every day. Free WIFI is available in the Cathedral and throughout our gardens.

You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



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CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB – READING WITH SPIRITUAL EYES



The Freedom Artist

by Ben Okri

What? Book chat

Where? Edwards Hall [adjacent to the Cathedral Bookshop]

When? **Tuesday 2 July 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

Joining us? Great! Please **register** by email (dean@graftoncathedral.org.au) so that we can send you additional resources, as well as details of the online discussion and the arrangements for the group gathering.

NEW MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUTH



Roz Rogers will commence her appointment as our Associate Minister (Children, Families & Youth) on Wednesday next week. We will have a special morning tea after the service next Sunday to welcome Roz into the Cathedral community.

This appointment will focus on developing our ministry with families and children, as well as working with youth in the local community. Half of her time will be devoted to the role of Chaplain to Clarence Valley Anglican School, as we seek to offer creative and effective ministry to families with children across both the Cathedral and the CVAS communities.

Roz comes to this new ministry with a strong background in pastoral care as

well as working in community development with a focus on family and youth support services.

She is passionate about social justice and a healthy relationship with the environment.

Roz is married to Judy McKenna, and we look forward to getting know them both in the coming weeks and months.

Please pray for Roz as she prepares to begin this new role, and for the Cathedral community as we prepare to get more seriously involved in ministry with children, families and youth.



Next Sunday we will be celebrating the ministry of Anglicare North Coast as it marks 20 years of service to the local region. Estelle Graham, the CEO of Anglicare North Coast be our guest presenter at the Dean's Forum following the Sunday service next weekend.

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Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin
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Brian Holley
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Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Jan Pitt
Eileen Rogan
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher
Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Esma Lever, Necia Green

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.

Around the Parish this Week

Today	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – EARTH SUNDAY 9.00am – Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptisms (Christ Church Cathedral)
Monday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Tuesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 4.00pm – CVAS School Council Meeting (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 10.00am – Holy Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Wednesday Worshippers' Morning Tea (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Thursday	7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral)
Friday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Saturday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Next Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) 11.00am – Dean's Forum - Anglicare Speaker (Edwards Hall)

Next Sunday's roster: Shirley Graham & Kaye Ware (sidespeople), Reg Bultitude (Reader 1), Lyn Johnston (Reader 2 & Prayers), Bryce & Betty Gilbert (Morning Tea)



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