



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

Order of Service for Baptism



Third Sunday After Pentecost
26 June 2022

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The people stand when the Processional Hymn is announced.

Hymn for the procession:

In water we grow [TIS 494]

**In water we grow,
secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know
love's safety and room.
Baptising and blessing
we publish for good
the freeing, caressing
safekeeping of God.**

**In water we wash:
the dirt of each day,
it's trouble and rush
are carried away.
In Christ re-created
by love's cleansing art,
self-will and self-hatred
dissolve and depart.**

**In water we dive,
and cannot draw breath,
then surface alive,
rebounding from death.
Our old self goes under,
in Christ dead and drowned.
We rise, washed in wonder,
by love clad and crowned.**

**In water we dwell,
for by its deep flow
through bloodstream and cell,
we live, think, and grow.
Praise God, love outflowing,
whose well of new birth
baptises our knowing,
and waters the earth.**

Brian Arthur Wren, 1936 –

The priest greets the people in these words:

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Scripture Sentence

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10.39

There is one Body and one Spirit;

All there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

All 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.

So we welcome you, Braxton Joel. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Deacon says:

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,

and confirm 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.

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

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 sung:

All 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

The priest says:

Let us pray.

O God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
the strength of the thoughts that seek you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, ‘Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?’ When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

1 I call to my God, I cry out toward him:
I call to my God, and surely he will answer.

2 In the day of my distress I seek the Lord,
I stretch out my hands to him by night:
my soul is poured out without ceasing,
it refuses all comfort.

11 I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord:
I will call to mind your wonders of old.

12 I will think on all that you have done:
and meditate upon your works.

13 Your way, O God, is holy:
who is so great a god as our God?

14 You are the God that works wonders:
you made known your power among the nations;

15 By your mighty arm you redeemed your people:
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw you, O God,
the waters saw you and were afraid:
the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke:
and your arrows darted forth.

18 The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind:
your lightnings lit the world,
the earth shuddered and quaked.

19 Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters:
and your footsteps were not seen.

20 You led your people like sheep:
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Reading

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

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 Luke Chapter 9.51-62

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, ‘Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?’ But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, ‘I will follow you wherever you go.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’ To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, first let me go and bury my father.’ But Jesus said to him, ‘Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ Another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon:



THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors of candidates to present the candidates.
We welcome those who have come to be baptised. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

The sponsors answer:

We present Braxton Joel who has come to be baptised.

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?

Candidates: 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 your whole life as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

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 Deacon 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 him. **Amen.**

Give to Braxton's sponsors and their families the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he 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.

All And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All Thanks be to God.

The priest continues:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that he who is to be baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he 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.

All Amen.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest says to the baptismal 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 priest baptises Braxton Joel saying:

Braxton Joel, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

When Braxton has been baptised, the priest makes a cross on his forehead, saying:

Braxton, 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:

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 priest 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.

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

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

The Greeting of Peace is exchanged.

Offering hymn:
I come with joy to meet my Lord [TIS 533]

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord,
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.**

**Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.**

Brian Arthur Wren, 1936 –

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The priest says
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.

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:

**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, 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,

All 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,
All *for we all share in the one bread.*
All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your 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 to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.
Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

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.

Post Communion Hymn:

Filled with the Spirit's power [TIS 411]

**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

J. R. Peacey, 1896–1971 alt.

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 says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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News from around the Parish

Our Music Director Mr Robert Eather is away today, however we are very blessed to have the multi-talented Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan playing the organ for us. We are very grateful for the many gifts Mother Camellia shares with us.

All Saints Church at Lawrence has now been deconsecrated by Bishop Murray. For anyone who has sent in an email or phoned with an expression of interest for items from the church please contact the Parish Office.

Our Locum Dean The Reverend Canon Dr Marian Free will be away next week from Monday – Saturday, we look forward to welcoming Marian back at the service on Sunday July 3rd. Any enquires during this time please call the Parish Office.

The Bishop has approved a faculty for "*The introduction of a small garden and peace pole at the end of the existing garden on the Victoria Street side of the property near the Doberer Fountain*". This is being organised in conjunction with Clarence Valley Council and will be maintained by students from Clarence Valley Anglican School. We look forward to watching the progress of this garden and peace pole.

NAIDOC WEEK 3-10 July 2022

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

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Remembering those who have died

Year's Mind: Val Ensbey, Shirley Adams, Vera O'Mara, Daphne Ford, Henry Edward Cooper (4th Bishop of Grafton & Armidale) and Alwyn McAteer.

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.

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Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer will continue to be said at 8.30am and 5.30pm. You are welcome to join us any time you are free, either in person or via Zoom: Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cathedral Office</td> <td>9.00am-4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Bookshop</td> <td>9.30am-3.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral OpShop</td> <td>10.00am-4.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathedral Pantry</td> <td>Mon, Tue & Thur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday Worship</td> <td>at 10.00 am</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support.</p> <p>If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Marian, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p> <p>PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS</p>	Cathedral Office	9.00am-4.00pm	Cathedral Bookshop	9.30am-3.30pm	Cathedral OpShop	10.00am-4.00pm	Cathedral Pantry	Mon, Tue & Thur	Wednesday Worship	at 10.00 am
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