

S. JAMIES'

Bicentenary 2019-2024

10:00am Sung Eucharist



"Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist" Chief Tony Hunt Sr, 1976

Sunday 12th January

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

As Sydney's oldest church, St James' is a place of soul-stirring worship, challenging preaching and fine music. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of which we worship—the Gadigal of the Eora Nation.

If necessary, you are welcome to sit for those parts of the liturgy when it is normal to stand.

Hymn 56

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Welcome

Celebrant ✠ In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.



Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.



Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Deacon Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A silence for self-examination follows.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

Sung by the congregation and cantor together.

(organ)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 43.1 - 7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Cantor *Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord :
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name :
worship the Lord with holy worship.
It is the Lord that commandeth the waters :
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation :
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees :
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.
He maketh them also to skip like a calf :
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness:
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,
and discovereth the thick bushes :
in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
The Lord shall give strength unto his people :
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Second Reading

Acts 8.14 - 17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

A short silence is observed.

Reader For the Word of the Lord,
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 58

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor The heavens were opened and the father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

All Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 3.15 - 22

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Deacon For the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A time of silence follows the sermon.

A Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

During this hymn the ministers process to the Font.

Hymn 137

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Please remain standing and turn to face the Baptistry.

Water is poured into the font with these words.

Celebrant God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

The Celebrant stands before the water and says

Celebrant Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You are our light and our salvation.

From the deep waters of death

you have raised your Son to life in triumph.

Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit,

may daily be renewed in your image,

walk by the light of faith,

and serve you in newness of life;

through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse and revive us. We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. Bless ✠ this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be ever one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection; cleansed and delivered from all sin. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, bring us to new birth in the household of faith, and raise us with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Celebrant Let us affirm 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 Celebrant takes the water and sprinkles the people

Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

The Celebrant returning to the Font concludes

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Greeting of Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord. The ministers return to the Sanctuary.

Hymn 484 (t. 167)

During this hymn a collection for the church's ministry will be received. You may wish to make your offering at sjks.org.au/donate, using the tap machines in church, or via this QR Code.



Please remain standing.

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

All Blessed be God for ever!

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,

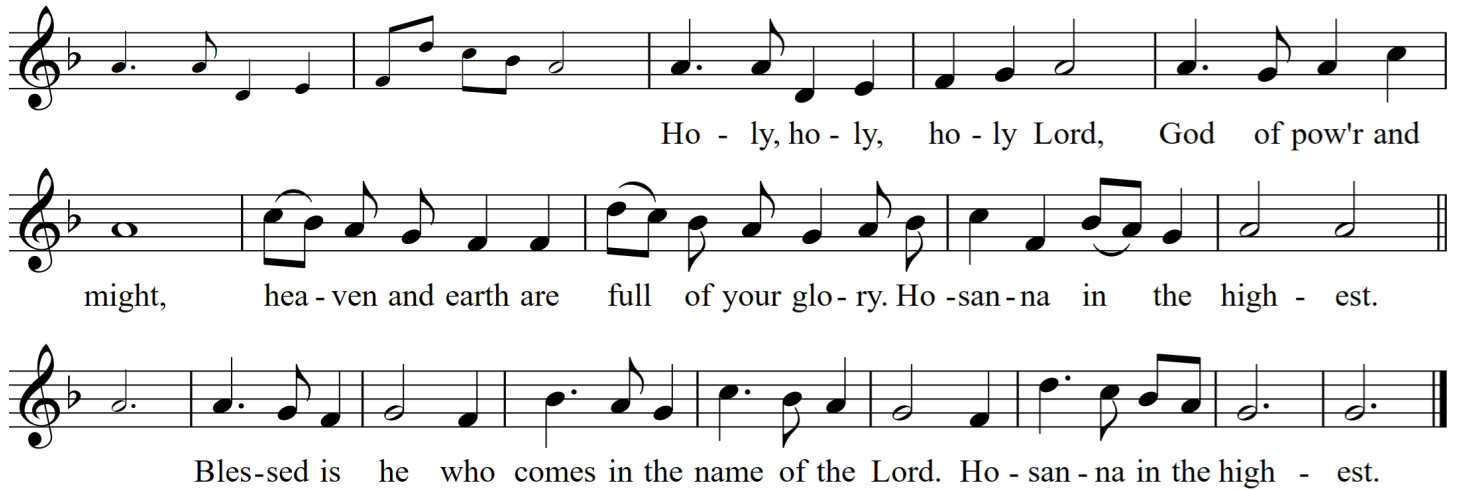
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant 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.'

Deacon Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ - is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant 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:

(organ)

Bless-ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are yours for
e - ver and e - ver. A - - - men.

The bell is rung and silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread and says:

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

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

Invitation to Communion

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

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

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our
sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world, grant us your peace.

*Communion will be distributed at the High Altar rail. Baptised Christians from all traditions are welcome to receive Communion. Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You are also advised to take any valuables with you to Communion to ensure their security. If you prefer not to receive from the chalice the nature of the Sacrament is such that it is acceptable to only receive the Host. **For health reasons intinction is not permitted.***

At the end of the Communion a silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

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

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

Notices

Hymn 431

Please stand. You can find the words to the hymn in the green hymn book provided.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

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