

St Mary's



Baptism of our Lord

7th January 2024



8am & 10am Presiding and Preaching:
Rev'd Robyn Boyd (Associate Priest)

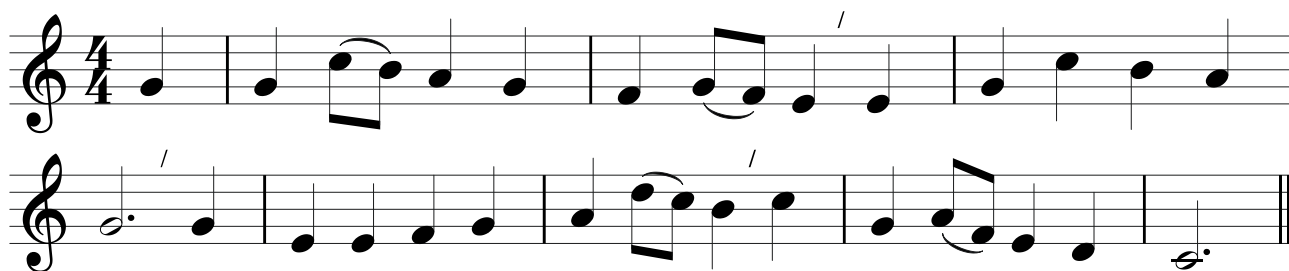
*Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.
Thank you for joining us in worship.
Please join in saying the text marked in **bold**
and singing the musical responses and hymns.*

INTRODUCTION

In terms of the Gospel story the Baptism of Jesus is his public commitment to God's plan for him. It is here that his public life and his messianic mission begin. The challenge for us is to join him in that mission which gives sense and direction to the Christian Church.

HYMN

TIS 250



1. **Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame.**
2. **God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true:
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.**
3. **Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call,
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.**

**4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.**

Francis Bland Tucker 1895–1984

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

**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.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Kyrie 2



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.

From Christ Church Mass - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In the light we confess our sins.

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.

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 2

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

Lord God, heav'n - 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

seat - ed 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.

From *Christ Church Mass* - Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

THE COLLECT

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

Response

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters:
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

Response

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

Response

tr.The Grail (1983)

SECOND READING:

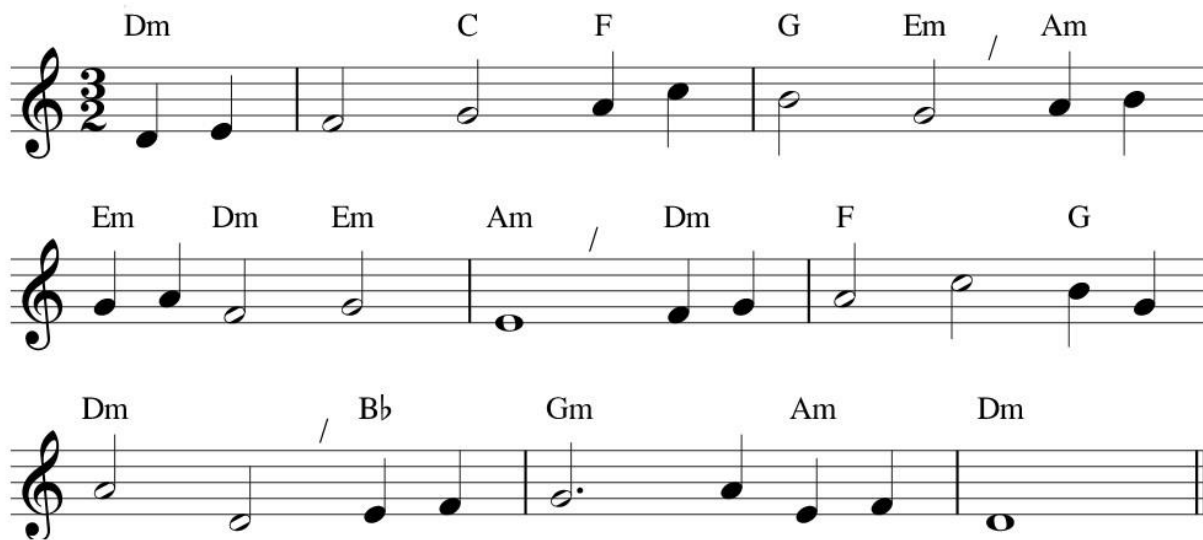
A reading from the book of Acts:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptised?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Paul said, ‘John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 19:1-7

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1. **When he was baptized in Jordan
Jesus knew his chosen role:
ready now for time of testing
in the desert of the soul.**
2. **Starved of bread to feed the body,
starved of rest to feed the brain,
starved of friends to feed the spirit,
Jesus daily bore the strain.**
3. **During six long weeks of trial
evil masquerades as good:
points false roads to instant lordship,
tempts him with the Word of God.**
4. **He attacks the great impostor:
evil shall not win the day!
Ready now to serve his calling,
sets his face Jerusalem way.**
5. **When our turn comes to be tempted,
as we meet each vital choice,
make us wise and make us willing,
Lord of life, to heed your voice.**

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark:

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1.4-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

A RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please stand

As we celebrate this festival, we remember that through our baptism we have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life within the family of his Church. This day we renew our promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sin? **I repent of my sin.**

Do you renounce evil and all that is false and unjust?
I renounce evil.

Do you renounce selfish living? **I renounce selfish living.**

May almighty God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the way.

I now ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, Creator of the world? **I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe in God's Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world and all humanity? **I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptised in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Followed by sprinkling of water

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section: Lord in your mercy
 Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREETINGS OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HYMN

TIS 275

Gtr. Capo 2 E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D) C#m(Bm) B(A) E(D) /

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1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free,
and take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
2. He comes with help and mercy
to those who suffer wrong,
to raise the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls condemned and dying
were precious in his sight.

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3. **He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**
 4. **Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**
 5. **O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
that name to us is love.**

James Montgomery 1771–1854 alt.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessèd be God for ever.

Blessèd 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 for us the cup of salvation.

Blessèd be God for ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who was looked for by the prophets,

heralded by the Baptist

announced by an angel,

born of the Virgin Mary,

and revealed at last to men and women of every race.

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 2

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:


Acclamation

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

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:

Acclamation



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r are_ yours, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER


As 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.**


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.

AGNUS DEI

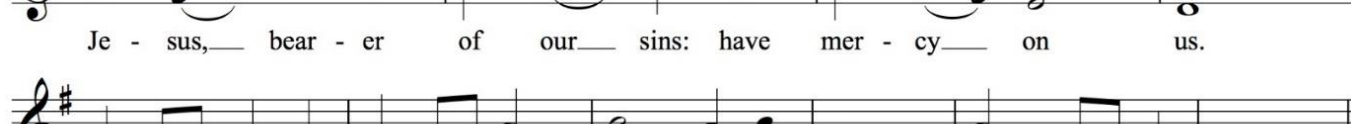
Agnus Dei 2



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, grant us_ your peace.

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THE INVITATION

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.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

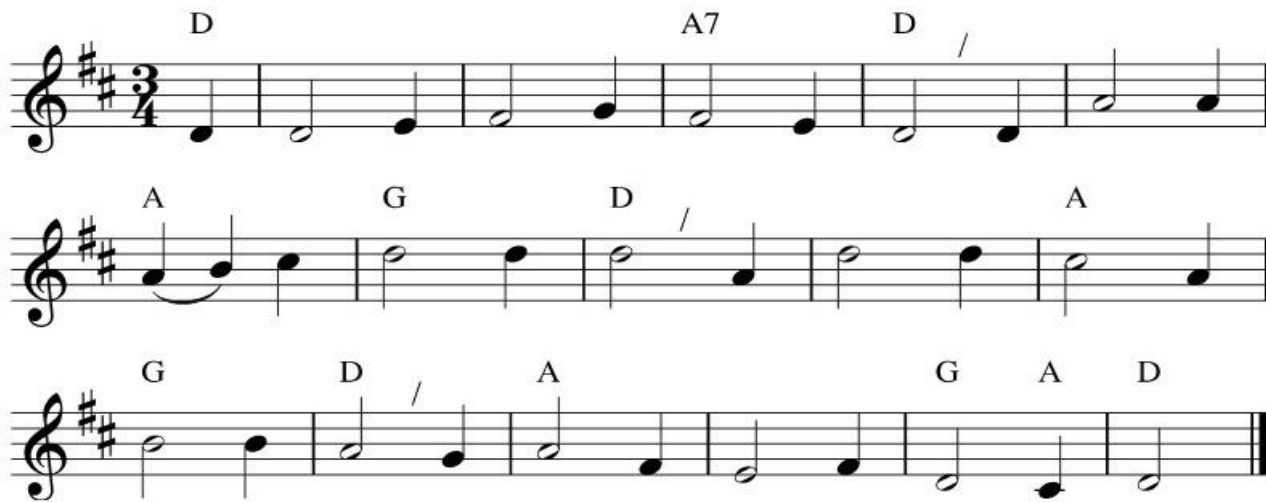
Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit.



1. **O love how deep, how broad, how high!**
it fills the heart with ecstasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. **He sent no angel to our race**
of higher or of lower place
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.
3. **For us he was baptized, and bore**
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
4. **For us he prayed, for us he taught,**
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.
5. **To him whose boundless love has won**
salvation for us through his Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

THE BLESSING

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for those in need: Lucy and Joel, Susan and Greg, Peter and Juneanne, Jenny Langmead, Mavis and Martin, Brandi and family.

Also, those whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including: John Gregory, Henry Wallace (Billy) Judd, Alice Maude Sophia Forster and June Amelia Rowe

If there is a name that should be included please advise the Parish Office by email office@stmarys.org.au

	January 7th	January 14th	January 21st	January 28th
8:00am Reader	Rhondda Fahey	Andrew McKinlay	TBC	TBC
10:00am Readers	Sam Miller	Robert Gribben	Helen McCallum	Rosie Moloney
Serving Team	Josie Snowden Peter O'Donoghue? (TBC)	Andrew Murray Lewis Gurr Stephen	Alice Christofi Josie Snowden	Andrew Murray Anne Sunderland
Subdeacon				
Welcome	Anne Sunderland	TBC	TBC	Alice Christofi

Introduction & Intercessions	(in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon	(in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon	(in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon	(in pew sheet) Serving Team/Sub Deacon
Video/AV	Sam Miller	Adam Wing	Adam Wing	Sam Miller
Kids Corner & Sunday School	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Morning Tea	Margaret Noble Michael Noble	Helen McCallum David Keuneman	TBC	TBC

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