
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

12th January 2025

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

EAST BURWOOD



“Seeking God, Serving with love, Sharing hope”

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ Luke 3.22.

Welcome to Church

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today.
Please take Communion, whatever your denomination.

If you are visiting, please make yourself known to
Fr Walter or to one of our welcomers following the service
and do stay for a cuppa and chat!



For those who have children with them, there is a children’s corner in the church for the little ones. During school term, children who are pre-school age and above can attend ‘Godzone’ - Special Children’s Activities - shortly after we begin the 9.30am service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Before each service we enter a time of silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Entrance Hymn: TiS 636 “God has spoken to his people, hallelujah”

**God has spoken to His people, hallelujah!
And His words are words of wisdom, hallelujah!**

**Open your ears, O Christian people,
Open your ears, and hear good news.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you,
God has come to you,**

Refrain

**Israel comes to greet the Saviour,
Judah is glad to see His day.
From East and West the people travel,
He will show the way,
He will show the way,**

Refrain

**Those who have ears to hear His message,
those who have ears then let him hear.
those who would learn the way of wisdom,
Let them hear God’s word,
Let them hear God’s word,**

Refrain

Willard Francis Jabusch 1930-2018

Acclamation

**Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation:

Let us pray.

**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.**

The Two Great Commandments:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

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.

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.

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

The Gloria:

**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 Prayer of the Day:

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.**

We pray together for hope:

God of Hope

**You call on us to be your witness in this uncertain world;
By your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and
a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

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.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:

ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:

O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

**the God of glory thunders,
the Lord upon the great waters.**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:

the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

**the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,
and strips bare the forests:

in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

The second reading: Acts 8.14-17

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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 156 "Morning has broken"

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
praise for the morning!
praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.**

**Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.**

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke, chapter 3, beginning at verse 15

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.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mine is the sunlight!
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-c. 413 tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78 alt.

Sermon – followed by a time of silent reflection

The prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response: God of Hope, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion

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.**

Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We give you thanks, God our Creator, that, at the beginning of time, 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.

Pour out your blessing + upon this water that it may be a sign of our dying and rising to new life with you, Christ our Lord.

May we live in your power, faithful to our calling, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life.

Let us each affirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you renounce all that is evil?

I do.

I ask you now to reaffirm 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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.

Water is dispersed over the people.

The Greeting 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.

Offertory hymn: TiS 447 "Lord, your almighty word"

**Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,**

bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825 alt.

Prayer over the gifts:

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 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 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 a one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
And 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.**

**Blesséd is the one 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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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.**

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:

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:

**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.**

Invitation to communion:

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.

The Communion

Post communion hymn: TIS 407 "Breathe on me, breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.**

Edwin Hatch 1835-89 alt.

Prayer after Communion:

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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

The Blessing:

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the + blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn: *TiS 675 "Lord, the light of your love is shining"*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me
*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me *Refrain***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me *Refrain***

Graham Kendrick 1950-

Dismissal:

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

NOTICES

Again we warmly welcome Fr Walter McEntee as he takes the services today and on Wednesday, he is with us while Fr Anthony takes some annual leave to spend time with Kym visiting family and friends in NSW. Fr Anthony will be back in the parish on Wednesday 29th January.

Please contact Fr Walter (0484 110 701) or the wardens for any pastoral issues.

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist and Friday Cuppa and chat has recommenced.

Rosters: The folk doing such a wonderful service for the Church have reduced in number over the past 24 months. You would have noticed the same faces almost every week, sometimes doing numerous roles.

We are putting out a call out to people to step up and take the challenge albeit not a big one!

Remember just because you ask some questions, you are not automatically on a roster!!

Can you please consider how you can assist with any (or all) of the opportunities below:

- Flower roster – Robin Jellis is happy to chat about this ministry
- Morning tea roster – Ros Smith is happy to chat about this ministry
- Welcomers – See Ron or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Readers – See Ron or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Intercessions – See Ron or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Godzone – Michael is happy to chat about this ministry
- Music – See Ron or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Gardens & Lawn mowing – Peter Wharton is happy to chat about this ministry
- Cleaning the church - See Ron or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Sanctuary team – See Christine or Fr Anthony when he returns from leave
- Printing pewsheets – Ron is happy to chat about this ministry

Level 1 training is required for these roles (most people already have this). If this is your first roster we will send you a link. Godzone requires "Clearance for Service" we can help with setting up folk to meet the requirements.

News and views on faith from Australia and around the world brought to you by *The Melbourne Anglican*. The NewsStand is now live on TMA's website, using the link <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/newsstand>.

SAINTS AND HOLY WOMEN AND MEN FOR THIS WEEK

Monday Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367)
Tuesday Sava, first archbishop of the Serbian Church (d. 1235)
Friday Antony of Egypt, abbot (d. 356)
Saturday CONFESSION OF PETER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wednesday:

Hebrews 2.14-18
Psalm: 105.1-7
Mark 1.29-29

Next Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah 62.1-5
Psalm 36.5-10
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS, LET US PRAY EACH DAY FOR: THE CHURCH

Sun 12 St John Chrysostom Brunswick West (Michael Flynn); The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People); Police Force Chaplains (Drew Mellor & other Chaplains) and members of the Police Force; The Church of the Province of West Africa (Bp Cyril Kobina Ben- Smith);

Mon 13 TIMA Anglican Parish w. St Stephen's, Greythorn (Ben Lui Wong, Ivy Wong, Hing Sing Terence Ng, Paul Hughes, Penny Charters); The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People); Yarra Valley Grammar School (Mark Merry, Principal);

Tue 14 St Bartholomew's Burnley (Stuart Soley); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Aged Care Ministry;

Wed 15 Anglican Parish of St Thomas Burwood (John Carrick, Michael Prabakaran, Rosalyn Armstrong, Tzeh Yi (Joey) Chan); The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bps David Bassett, Hans Christiansen, Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People); Archdeaconry of Geelong (Stephen Pollard);

Thu 16 Church of the Ascension Burwood East (Anthony Frost); The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Peter Waterhouse, Chester Lord, Chaplains);

Fri 17 St Dunstan's Camberwell (Jobby John); The Diocese of Sydney (Abp Kanishka Raffel, Regional Bps Chris Edwards, Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Peter Lin, Malcolm Richards, Gary Koo, Clergy & People); Anglican Boys' Society - CEBS (Bruce Anderson, Secretary);

Sat 18 St John's Camberwell (Incumbency vacant, Helen Creed); The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People); Anglican Cursillo Movement.

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Reconciliation and justice for our First Nations People. Those impacted by the state of the economy and recent natural disasters.

THE WORLD

A compassionate outcome for all Asylum Seekers. Productive and harmonious relationships among Pacific neighbours. Peace in the Holy Lands, Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. All affected by climate change - wisdom and leadership to prevent further environmental damage.

THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY

Please hold in your daily prayers any individual parish members who may be on your heart, and for an awareness of God's presence in the events of the week.

Those in special need of prayer: *Estelle Carman, Don Lambourne, Douglas Mortimer, Jean & Alan Close, Glenys Howell, Kaye & Carole Smith, Pauline & Edith Le Riche, Lyle & Jan Mansfield, Stanley & Rose Joseph, Pam & Tony, Marie Cleaver (Judithe's friend), Shirley & Alan Wagner, Joy (Jan Wheeler's sister), Fanny (Aggie's sister) & Clifford, Pat Ludwick, Gerald (Pat Eadon's brother), Beverley Frost, Heather & Ron, Peter Bedlow, Andrew Harding, Tim Youings and others known to us who are in special need of prayer.*

Those at the Peter James Centre and Burwood Lodge

Those working in Health and Aged Care settings

Our local Schools, Colleges, and Universities

**Ourselves - as we are strengthened through the power of the
Holy Spirit in love and prayer for one another**

ROSTERS:

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>
Welcomers	Sue Tregear	Joanne Waite & Pat Ludwick
Reader	Sue Tregear	Suzanne Seager
Server	Sue Tregear	Christine Youings
Liturgical Assistant		Ron McKenzie
Intercessions	Fr Walter	Trevor Smith
Music		Heath McKenzie & Josh Waite
Morning Tea		Barrie Harding & Ros Smith
Sacristan	Sue Tregear	
Printing	Alma Brand	
Flowers	Judithe Atkinson	
Cleaning	Augustus Luo	

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We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.*

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Pew sheet: Please send all items for inclusion in next week's pewsheets to Ron McKenzie by 5:00p.m. Thursday evening (r.mckenzie@novatechsolutions.com.au.)

Baptism, Marriage & funerals by arrangement

Sunday 8:00am Eucharist
9:30am Eucharist
'Godzone' children's program during 9.30 am service (during school term)

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist

Friday 10:00am – Noon. Drop-in for cuppa and chat.

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Read the full **Commitment to Child Safety** document on our website: www.ascensionchurch.org.au