

# St Paul's, Ashgrove

## The Baptism of our Lord

### First Sunday after Epiphany

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#### HYMN: SPHB 4 Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight —  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him —  
In faith, receive from him.  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

'Mission Praise' No 50

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P: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

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

LA: We acknowledge the custodians of the land where we gather today - the Jagera and Turrbal people. We celebrate their culture, thank them for their care of the land and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

LA: 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

LA: [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.**

**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.**

P: Spirit of energy and change,  
in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations:  
be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction,  
that we may have confidence and strength  
to implant your justice on the earth;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 43.1-7**

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."

Hear the word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:  
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
- 10 The Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people  
the blessing of peace.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**    8.14-17

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.

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

**Hymn: SPHB 10    Come to the water**

*Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness  
I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
The emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to My word and you will enjoy  
Goodness and peace in your heart!

*Refrain*

Just as the heavens are high above earth;  
My ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you!

*Refrain*

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;  
Just as a seed becomes bread  
My word upon you can never return  
Until My longing is filled!

*Refrain*

Frank Andersen m.s.c.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2 beginning at verse 41  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

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."

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."

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For the Gospel of the Lord,  
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Reflection

*Silence*

## LA: Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**LA: THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

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Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

LA: Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

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

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

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

**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.**

P: In this is love, not that we loved God  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
To be the perfect offering for our sins

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**HYMN: 642 This Day God Gives Me**

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