



THE Anglican Parish of Woodend-Trentham
St George's, Trentham 9.00am | St Mary's, Woodend 11.00am



13th January – The Baptism of our Lord

We acknowledge the Jaara Jaara people,
of the Woi wurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung language groups,
the custodians of this land where we gather.
We pay our respects to their elders past and present and pray for
reconciliation.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

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

Gathering Hymn – 233 I will sing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Prayer of preparation (page 119 of the prayer book)

Almighty God...

The Shema (page 120 of the prayer book)

Hear, O Israel....

The Confession and absolution (page 120 of the prayer book)

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.
Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence
and faith,

Merciful God...

The Gloria (page 121 of the prayer book)

Glory to God in the highest...

Let us pray

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost,
and was baptised with sinners:
grant that we, who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 43 verses 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.

A reading from the book of Acts chapter 8 verses 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 - 116 Begin my tongue

Alleluia Alleluia

John said: One mightier than I is coming;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire

Alleluia

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke chapter 3
beginning at the 15th verse*

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**

The Sermon

The affirmation of faith (page 123 of the prayer book)

The Prayers of 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 – 250 Christ when for us you were baptised

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger,
and the wine that quenches all thirst,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The preface to the Thanksgiving Prayer is on page 128

....for ever praising you and saying

**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 Lord's name
Hosanna in the Highest**

With our hearts set on the kingdom and our hands open to serve,
we pray as Jesus taught us....

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 Sending out of God's people

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 for them.
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.

The Notices

Final Hymn - 418 She sits like a bird

The Blessing and Dismissal

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 Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

****some thoughts from Rev. Mel*

I love this artwork.

It is an extraordinary piece by Mathis Nithardt-Gothardt, usually known today as Grünewald. This is the Isenheim Altarpiece and was painted in around the year 1515 for the hospital chapel of Saint Anthony's Monastery in Isenheim in Alsace. The hospital was especially for persons with infectious diseases, especially leprosy.

The piece shows the crucifixion surrounded by scenes and gestures which make sense individually but not in the overall story of Jesus as we know it in scripture. John the Baptist, historically long dead by the time of the crucifixion, points at Christ on the cross – as he does in the Baptism story that we read towards the beginning of all four gospels, including today's gospel reading.

At the feet of John the Baptist, a lamb holds a small short cross in its right front leg. This is unusual in art as this small cross, used in art as a symbol of John the Baptist, is usually raised on a high staff and held by the left foot.

From the lamb's left side, a stream of blood flows into a chalice, an image of very specific symbolic value.

Mary Magdalene is also present, at the foot of the cross with a jar of anointing balm. She is the disciple who arrives on Easter morning with balm and oils ready to clean and soothe the body of Jesus after his crucifixion.

Next to Mary Magdalene we see Mary, mother of Jesus, dressed in dazzling white and collapsing in anguish at the scene of her son dying. She is supported by the disciple whom Jesus loved and into whose home Jesus gives his mother.

Religious artwork can be amazing – it can offer such a different perspective on the words that we know.

If you want to read more about this piece, or get a slightly better picture of it, go to <http://objectiveart01.tripod.com/isenheim.htm>

In peace,

Mel



Pew Bulletin

Parish AGM

Our AGM will be held on February 17th in the hall after our service at Woodend.

If you are an office holder in the parish and need to submit a report to Derek please do so as soon as possible.

Visiting Preacher

Colleen Clayton, soon to be ordained in the Melbourne Diocese, will be visiting with us on January 27th to preach and share in worship. Colleen has been on placement at St Peter's Eastern Hill for the past two years and is a skilled children's minister and liturgist.

First Friday Films

Our First Friday Film for February is FROZEN! A modern day classic for the kids and grown ups alike. Invite your friends and neighbours! 6pm in the hall. Entry by donation.

Black Saturday Anniversary

February 7th marks ten years since the Black Saturday fires. We will gather at midday at St Mary's for quiet reflection and prayer.

News from the Guilds:

St Mary's Guild – AGM to be held on Wednesday 23rd January after the mid-week service at 10am (meeting to begin at 11am).

Birthdays

Let us know if it is your birthday this week so we can celebrate you!

Years Mind and those who have died recently

We give thanks for the life of Archdeacon Bill Beagley; we pray for his family, parish, and colleagues in the Melbourne Diocese at this time.

We give thanks for Macey Hope Braybon and Frances Palmer this week

Intercessions – our prayers are asked for:

Sam, Wendy, Jeanette, Carmela, Jim, Judy and John, Hayden, Jason, Sandra, Maggie, Sheryl, Trevor, Kristina and Jon, Rachael + Matt and their children.

We pray for Lilliana and Mark who will be married at St Mary's on January 26th.

Readings for next week

Isaiah 62.1-5

Psalms 36.5-10

1 Cor 12.11-11

John 2.1-11



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