



## St John the Divine

*Eucharist service*

### Baptism of our Lord

9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### WELCOME!

*Welcome to our worship and community life at St John the Divine, and to our live-streamed service, linked from our parish website: [www.stjohndivine.org.au](http://www.stjohndivine.org.au)*

#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized  
*Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984) - tune: Tallis Ordinal*  
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- 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.**

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**there is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his  
followers to go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.  
Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that  
Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God  
gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and  
sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made  
members of his body, the Church universal.  
So we welcome you, Hazel, with your sponsors and  
family.

We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know  
God's love and faithfulness for ever.

And now we affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess  
that we need forgiveness.

Let us pray.

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.**

#### GLORIA AND COLLECT

**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.**

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.**

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophecy of 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.'

May your word live in us,  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.

May your word live in us,  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn: *Word of God, renew your people*  
*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) - tune: Word Of God*  
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- 1. Word of God, renew your people,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 2. Word of hope and Word of healing,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 3. Word of peace and Word of justice,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 4. God alone the power we trust in,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**
- 5. To the waters lead your people,  
make us now your living sign.  
Recreate us for your purpose  
in this place and in this time.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St Luke 3.15–22

**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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

#### THE PRESENTATION

*Sponsors (parents & godparents) stand with the candidate.*

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their child for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their child in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time Hazel should make her own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Hazel for baptism?

*Sponsors* **I will.**

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Hazel?

*Sponsors* **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Hazel in the life and faith of the Christian community?

*Sponsors* **I will, with God's help.**

#### THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

*Sponsors* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

*Sponsors* **I repent of my sins.**

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

*Sponsors* **I reject them all.**

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

*Sponsors* **I renounce all that is evil.**

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Let all of us affirm, together with Hazel's sponsors, 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?

**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?

**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 all the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

As Hazel's sponsors, 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?

*Sponsors*      **I will, with God's help.**

You have heard these our sisters and brothers respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

**We will.**

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Hazel may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in her. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in her.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Give to her sponsors and families the desire to share with her what you have revealed in your holy gospel.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world in which we live, for peace and harmony among all people. Bring healing and wholeness to the sick [especially ...], to those who mourn and to all in need.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

#### THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation 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.

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.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

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.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Hazel to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Hazel, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### AFTER BAPTISM

Hazel, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:

fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

*A candle lit from the Christ light (Easter candle) is given.*

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Hazel, God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you  
as a member with us of the body of Christ,  
as a child of the one heavenly Father,  
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory hymn: Father welcomes all his children

*Robin Mann (b.1949) - tune: Kristin*

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**Father welcomes all his children  
to his family through his Son;  
Father giving his salvation,  
life for ever has been won.**

- 1. Little children, come to me,  
for my kingdom is of these;  
life and love I have to give,  
mercy for your sin.**

**Father welcomes ...**

**2. In the water, in the word  
in his promise, be assured:  
those who are baptized and believe  
shall be born again.**

*Father welcomes ...*

**3. Let us daily die to sin,  
let us daily rise with him,  
walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
live in the peace of God.**

*Father welcomes ...*

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

#### 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.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union  
of heaven and earth,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
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 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 AND THE COMMUNION

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.**

**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.**

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 SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and his blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Hymn: Sing of the Lord's goodness

*Ernest Sands (b.1949) - tune: The Lord's Goodness*

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- 1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.  
*Come then, all you nations,  
sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.***
- 2. Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.  
*Come then ...***
- 3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.  
*Come then ...***
- 4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the  
trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp,  
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your  
dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.  
*Come then ...***

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for  
evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help  
the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and those whom you  
love, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Baptism of our Lord</u> 9am Eucharist & baptism <i>(also live-streamed)</i> 10.30am Parish Council 8pm AA meeting
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am AI Anon meeting
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1pm AA meeting 5.30pm community meal: TDRM <i>(St John's turn to cook)</i>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am Eucharist 7.30pm NA meeting
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am AA meeting 11am Park Lane communion 7.30pm AA meeting
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>Vicar's day off</u>
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7am AA meeting 12pm Women's AA meeting 7pm Lai Christian Church
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 9am Eucharist <i>(also live-streamed)</i> 8pm AA meeting

## NOTICES

### Baptism of Hazel Dorian

Today we celebrate not only the Baptism of our Lord, but also baptising Hazel Dorian, who has been attending services over the last few months, along with her mother Carol, and grandmother Gicelle.

### Changes in Covid restrictions

"The 2sqm density rule now applies for all indoor refreshments in church facilities including before or after services. Only fully vaccinated people can participate in indoor refreshments. The density limit does not appear to apply to church services."

Consequently, it is currently better to cancel morning tea after the service, than to discriminate or arrange to roster vax certificate checkers at the entry to the Fellowship Room. We will review this decision.

"Numerous parishes in our Diocese have had people, including clergy, test positive - having been in a service

in the days preceding. We advise alerting parishioners to when that happens and reminding people not to attend church if they have any symptoms.”

So far at St John’s, parishioners have been responsible, and not attended while they have been waiting test results or needing to isolate.

### **The Dining Room Mission - 11 January**

It is St John’s TDRM Team turn to cook for this coming Tuesday 11th January and we will be doing sausages again – this time curried sausages with rice and vegetables.

People are needed to cook the sausages, and the curry will be made separately. We will cook the rice and vegetables at the church and then put it all together when we serve it.

If you are able to cook some sausages please let Cathy know – she will have them for you after the 9am service on Sunday morning, or can deliver them if you are not going to be at church. Please bring them to TDRM hot by 4.45pm – or we can arrange for them to be collected.

If you are available to help with cooking the rice etc. and serving the meal on Tuesday your help would be very much appreciated! Please let Cathy know.