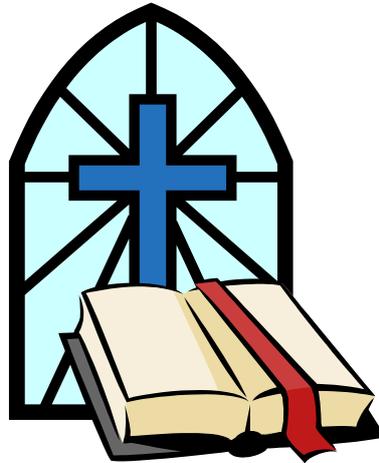


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The Baptism of our Lord
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Prayer of the Day

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 Isaiah

Chapter 43 beginning at Verse 1

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 Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, 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.”

[NRSV Isaiah 43:1-7]

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 forever.

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,
Chapter 8 beginning at Verse 14

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.

[NRSV Acts 8:14-17]

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

Gradual:

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.”

[NRSV Luke 3:15-22]

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Tis 494 Tune Paderborn

Final: Tis 390 Alleluia tune

A Prayer for the Parish of Port Lincoln

Father help us to be a Church that is a welcoming, caring, and meaningful community.

A community which enjoys the celebration of the sacraments and has a passion to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

A community which reaches out to others, sharing the love of God with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

For those with an ongoing need:

Darren & Rachel, Arthur R, Joyce H, Brian L, Brooke, Ryan, Donna, Kelly, Jan, Helen and Kimberly, Danielle.

Remembering those who have joined God in the eternal life:

Bob Whittaker, Judy McFarlane

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Those in need

God of mercy and pity, remember the homeless, the destitute, the sick, the aged, and all who have none to care for them. Heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and turn their sorrow into joy. Help us to minister to their needs, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Link

**Submissions for the link accepted until 12:00
Wednesday. Thank you**

This Week's Events

Wednesday: 12-30pm - Prayers for the Community

Thursday: 10.30 am - Australian Prayer Book

Friday 9 am to 3 pm - Op Shop open in the Parish Hall.

OP SHOP IN PARISH HALL – Friday 9am to 3pm

Fresh fruit and vegetables are welcome early in the day. Clean shopping bags, clean clothes, and household utensils, knick-knacks etc welcome. For safety, please do not bring in electrical items. Offers to help in the shop on the roster, and to set out and put away, are always welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY **20th January 2019**

9am St Thomas
11am Poonindie

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Pray that God's word will be shared clearly and lovingly with children and youth at holiday programs, camps and beach missions right across Victoria, bringing new life and deep comfort. Pray for Bob and Adrian as they prepare for the year ahead.

**The Baptism of our Lord [First Sunday after Epiphany]
– Sunday 13 January 2019**

- Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29;
Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-22

In Baptism, Christ knits us all together into his body and in doing that we become a part of him here on earth. The Christian life is one in which we are called to follow Christ in everything that we do, and it's our belief that in us God will recognise Christ. When the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in his baptism by John the Baptist, the voice comes from heaven saying, 'You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'. In our baptisms as well as in our lives we can expect that God says much the same, that we are his beloved children and with us he is pleased.

- Pray that God may direct you towards new ways of life to live more closely to him and be more pleasing to him.
- Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, and pray that in each of the dioceses God's love for the world may be made known.

Text: The Rev Will Johnston

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Notices

- There will be a farewell brunch after today's service at St Thomas' to thank Rev Martin Bleby and Vivien for their commitment to our parish over the last 6 months.

This is a combined Parish gathering so please come and help us celebrate and acknowledge their service to the parish.