



ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
TOORAK
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The Baptism of our Lord

13 January, 2019

Welcome

On behalf of everyone at St. John's, Toorak, a very warm welcome to this church and faith community. St. John's welcomes everyone to all services and events, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background.

This is a wonderful and historic church, founded in 1859, and is a vibrant part of the Toorak and Melbourne community. This parish church is part of the Anglican Church of Australia and a member of the global Anglican Communion, comprised of 80 million people.

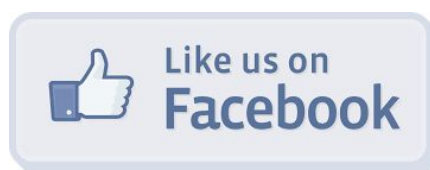
Regular services of worship during January 2019 take place here each Sunday at 9am. Services are followed by times of fellowship over food and drinks to which everyone is also welcome.

This church actively follows Jesus' command to love God, love one's neighbour and to care for all people. Our clergy and parishioners regularly visit the sick, home-bound, and the dying. We care for the poor and needy through service and charitable giving, through our Opportunity Shop run in partnership with the local Catholic and Uniting churches, and by supporting the work of Anglicare, The Brotherhood of St. Laurence and The Anglican Board of Mission. Our clergy regularly baptise new members of the church, preside at weddings and care for the grieving through our funeral ministry. If we can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to give of your time and talents in the service of others, please also contact the church and we will gladly welcome your contribution.

If you're visiting for the first time do please introduce yourself to a welcomer or member of the clergy, and fill out the blue 'Welcome' card found at the end of every pew so we can stay in touch with you.



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Cover Image

Bacchiaca, *Baptism of Christ* c. 1520
Gum tempera on wood, 53 x 36 cm,
Akademie der bildenden Künste, Vienna

The Musical Setting for the Eucharist may be found in the red hymn book at number 756

INTRODUCTORY RITE *please stand*

Hymn 250 'Christ, when for us'

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

The Collect for Purity *said together*

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.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

Absolution *pronounced by the celebrant*

Gloria in Excelsis *sung together*

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 Collect for The Baptism of our Lord

The celebrant prays the collect, after which all are seated

The Children's Address

All children are invited to join together at the chancel step

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43.1-7 *Read by Ted Mouritz*

¹But 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. ²When 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. ³For 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I 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 — ⁷everyone 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.**

Psalter Psalm 29 *said together*

- 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson Acts 8.14-17 *Read by Brenda Mouritz*

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and turn to face the gospel as it is read

Gradual Hymn 245 'We have a Gospel' *verses 1, 2 & 6 are sung*

The Gospel Luke 3.15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 3, commencing at verse fifteen. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.' ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.**

The Sermon The Assistant Curate

Anthem Weihnachtsoratorium [Christmass Oratorio, BWV 248] J.S. Bach
Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben [Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection]

Nicene Creed *said together, standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People *kneeling. Led by Jenny Smith*

The Prayers end with the following

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.

The Greeting of Peace *standing*

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

All share with each other the sign of peace, customarily shaking hands with those around them, and saying, 'Peace be with you'

Parish Notices *given by a member of the parish clergy*

Offertory Hymn 319 'Child in the manger'

During which a collection for the life and ministry of St. John's will be taken

Prayer for Receiving the Offertory

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All remain standing

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.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer continues until the following

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ends with the following
... songs of never ending praise. or ... now and for ever.
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer of your custom or in your own language
or using the following translation*

**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 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 *said, kneeling or standing*

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 *kneeling or standing*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are
those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Administration of Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to
receive communion and would like a blessing, please come forward and indicate your desire
to do so by keeping your arms behind your back.*

Communion Jesu, joy of man's desiring [Cantata 147]

J.S. Bach

Alicia Groves, mezzo soprano

Post Communion Prayers *the celebrant leads this prayer which ends with*
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.

Final Hymn 484 'When we to cleansing waters came'

Blessing to which the response is 'Amen.'

Dismissal

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



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Morning Tea

Join us for morning tea and coffee after the 9am service, generously provided this morning by Jenny and Darcy Smith, in Buxton Hall (immediately behind the church) or, weather permitting, in the garden.

Music Notes

The congregational setting and hymns allow the faithful full expression through speech and singing. The Setting of the [more frequently sung sections of the] Ordinary is by Michael Dudman and may be found at *Together in Song* #576. How fortunate we are to have more specialised vocal music reflecting the relevant Liturgical Season throughout the Choir breaks! During January we have musical contributions from Adamm Ferrier, Alicia Groves, Marlene Jacobs and Jenny Stokes. Ranging from the Christmas Oratorio of Bach to Appalachian Song; Karl Jenkins to Gustav Holst, this month provides a breadth of solo vocal music to aid in our worship and reflections. Full details are available on the parish web site. Today I am pleased to welcome Alicia Groves. Alicia is a developing opera singer from Wangaratta, Victoria. She graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in 2015 with a Bachelor of Music and has recently completed a graduate diploma in Psychology at Monash University. Since arriving in Melbourne, Alicia has sung with St. John's Choir, Melbourne Opera, BK Opera, Singularity, Cordelia's Potted Operas, Savoy Opera Company and CitiOpera.

Organ Update

From January 7 for around 10 days the organ will be less than totally operative due to the bulk of the refurbishment work quoted on, some 6 years and more recently, being completed. This period of the year has been selected due to a less-demanding schedule in the church building. Already, the releathering of the bellows has seen a huge improvement in tonal quality and egress of sound into the building. To an extent this translates to volume, but it is so much more than that. The upcoming

work will ensure a much more reliable instrument for many years to come. [A terminology note: this is *refurbishment*, not *restoration*, which was effected twenty plus years ago]

A big *thank you* to many members of our community, known and unknown, who have contributed so generously to the [tax deductible] Gibb Fund. This fund supports musical endeavour more widely than choral scholarships.

I am very happy to give a tour through the insides of the instrument. This has been done on a number of occasions recently, and it is fair to say that the tourees were astounded to see what goes on behind the *façade* and the complexity of the instrument.

Parish Notices

Sunday Services in January at 9am only

During January, both Sunday morning congregations become one, therefore there will only be one service on Sundays at 9.00am. The choir is in recess over January.

Wednesday Evening and Thursday Lunchtime Services of Holy Communion

Both services will be in recess until February.

Driveway

Due to essential re-concreting of parts of the driveway in January, access to the property by car will be restricted. Until Thursday 24th January the concrete needs to set and dry out. Therefore there will be no car parking in the driveway during that time period.

STOP PRESS St John's limited edition aprons – Due to popular demand we have a new shipment of aprons in stock so don't miss out, an ideal gift, and great for barbecues only \$25 each, available Sundays or during the week at the parish office, all profits going to Anglican Board of Mission.

Ladies of the Parish - Lunch

Are invited to lunch on the third Monday of the second month (not every month as previously advertised!), meeting at 12.30pm at the Toorak Uniting Church cafe. The next get-together is on Monday 21 January. No need to r.s.v.p., just turn up!

For Your Prayers

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Church of Australia (The Primate Abp Philip Freier, Anne Hywood, The General Secretary, The General Synod & the Standing Committee); Diocese of The Northern Territory (Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People); Melbourne Grammar School (Roy Kelley, Principal; Hans Christiansen, William Peacock, Malcolm Woolrich, Chaplains); Holy Trinity Hampton Park (Ian Savage); Surfcoast Parish – pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd);

For all those who lead us in the Anglican Church, especially: Our Primate The Most Revd Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne, and our Bishop, The Right Revd Genieve Blackwell.

For Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians: we pray for Aboriginal Anglican clergy and lay-leaders around Australia, their spiritual health and physical well-being, and the people they care for. For Aboriginal and Government leaders and their work together.

The Toorak Ecumenical Movement: Our partner churches, St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Toorak Uniting Church, and The Swedish Church.

For Those in Mission Work: for The Anglican Board of Mission.

For those celebrating birthdays: Sophia Stokes and Michaela Nye.

For schools in our parish: Geelong Grammar School Toorak Campus, Head of Campus Rachel George; St Catherine's School, Principal Michelle Carroll; Toorak Primary School, Principal Julie Manallack; and St. John's Kindergarten.

For the sick and all in need: David; Matthew; John Saunders; Alan; Paul Dalton; Grace; Rosemary Griffith; Rhonda Cook; Philip; Sam; Sandra, John; Charles; Julia Jones; Mary; Christopher Morgan; Maggie Perkins; Helen Kent; Elizabeth Haes; Jacob Henriss-Anderssen; Rhonda Ritchie; Augustus and Victoria, Sean and Valerie; Bill Beagley.

For those in aged care and those who are housebound: Randall Watt; Michael Moore; Teri Lawrence; Janet Field; and Beverley Joyce.

Give thanks for those whose Anniversary of Death is this week: Barbara Glen; Pamela Kiel; Mary Soans; Sally Nixon.

The prayer petitions above follow closely the daily prayer regimen of the Anglican Church of Australia, which you can follow everyday here:

<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/faith/CallingMelbourne2Prayer/Pages/Prayer-resources.aspx> How about making this part of your daily prayers?

THIS WEEK

Sunday 13 January The Baptism of our Lord

9am Service of Holy Communion
First Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7, read by Ted Mouritz
Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17, read by Brenda Mouritz
Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-22
Intercessor: Jenny Smith
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Peter French
Preacher: The Revd Elizabeth Murray
Morning tea: Jenny Smith and Harrison Young

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 20th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

9am Service of Holy Communion
First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5, read by Rex Williams
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, read by Carmen Papageorge
Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11
Intercessor: John Horan
Celebrant: The Revd Elizabeth Murray
Preacher: The Revd Dr Peter French
Morning tea: Brenda and Ted Mouritz



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