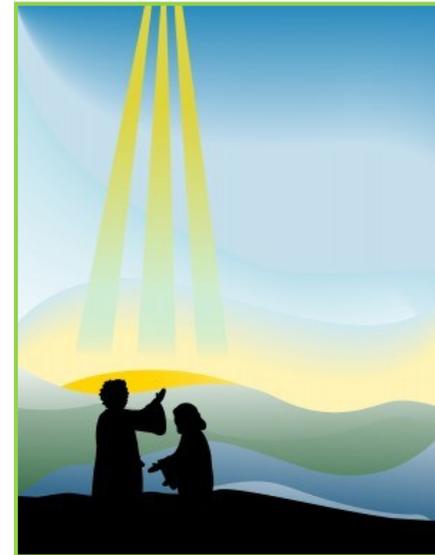


The Baptism Of Our Lord
13 January 2019



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.

WELCOME to our worship today.
*Please invite someone to join you and stay for
fellowship and refreshment after the Service.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

Services:

St Mary's Montville

7:30am

St George's Maleny

9:00am

St Luke's Kenilworth

9:00am

Celebrants:

Rev'd Jeanette Jamieson

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Rev'd Kaye Pitman

Friends & Neighbours Service THIS WEDNESDAY 16 January

St George's Maleny

9:30am

Rev'd Jeanette Jamieson

Readings for 20 January*Second Sunday After Epiphany*

Isaiah 62.1-5
 Psalm 36.5-10
 1 Corinthians 12.1-11
 John 2.1-11

Readings for 27 January*Third Sunday After Epiphany*

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12.12-31
 Luke 4.14-21

Sentence of the Day: 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

Prayer of the Day: 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.**

READINGS FOR THE DAY**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH****CHAPTER 43: BEGINNING AT THE 1ST VERSE:****(Pew Bible page 585)**

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."

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD**PSALM 29 (A Prayer Book for Australia page 248)****We say alternate verses**

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.

We ask your prayers:

- For peace and justice in the world: we pray particularly for those parts of the world that are in the news this week
- For **The Anglican Church of Australia:** †Philip Freier
- For **The Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia**
- For **The Parish of Kilcoy:** Jilleen Chambers
- For **Finance & Diocesan Services Commission:** Karen Crouch, staff and Commission members
- For **St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg:** Principal - Craig Merritt; Chaplain - Iain Furby; Chair of School Council - Hermina Conradie; members of School Council; staff and students
- For Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators & Synod Representatives
- For people who are sick, in body, mind or spirit, for those whom we have listed in our bulletin, and for those known to us personally.
- Remembering the faithful departed & all those whose years mind occurs at this time.

Within our Parish

Maleny: Roger Byrne, Mabel Crosby, Margaret Drake, Matthew Dawson & Amelie

Montville: Christine Long and Anne McAlister

The Anglican Parish of Maleny in the Diocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting your privacy. The people on the list of the sick have personally requested prayers.

'Going For Growth in Christ' - Anglican Church Southern Queensland**Our Vision**

Through: Knowing God and our faith more deeply
 Serving our communities more compassionately
 Making new disciples of Christ to impact the world more effectively
 Resourcing this mission more generously

Prayer

Living God, creator, redeemer, strengthener: enliven, guide and strengthen your Church in all you send us to do. By your Holy Spirit enable us to grow - in faith, in service, in generous giving; and add to your Church new disciples that your saving, reconciling, recreating work may go forward,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2019 Generous Hospitality Launch Event

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of Archbishop Phillip Aspinall's 2019 Diocesan theme 'Generous Hospitality'. Come together with people of all ages from across the Diocese to enjoy worship, interactive prayer spaces, food, fun and fellowship.

**Friday 15 February 2019****5:30pm - 7:00pm (formalities)****7:00pm - 8:00pm (food and fellowship)****St John's Anglican Cathedral - This is a free event****Condolences to the families and friends of -**

Violet Audrey Packer -19 August 1931 to 30 December 2018. Aged 87 years.

A Funeral Service was held on 11 January at St George's.

Lindsay James Thomas - 15 September 1939 to 22 December 2018. Aged 79 years.

A Memorial Service was held on 31 December at St George's.

Robin "Rob" Hensleigh Norris - 17 February 1931 to 14 December 2018. Aged 87 years. Privately Cremated.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

All these are not to be considered as outside the Almighty's normal activity, for there He is in the midst of all these manifestations. He is controlling all of them, not as a remote and unfeeling potentate, but as One who cares for His people and gives them strength. Nor is He acting in independent solitude. The psalmist sees that the angels are constituting the court of heaven which is bursting with energy as they worship Him in songs of endless praise. What we are doing in the parish today is an attempt to mirror the angels' adoration and what the writer of the Book of Revelation saw and heard in his vision then I heard all created things, in heaven and on earth, under the earth and in the sea, crying, 'praise and honour, glory and might, to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb for ever'.

Acts 8 vv14-17

Instead of a fragment from the epistles today we are treated to a dip into Church history. Acts 8 is important because it takes us back to the Apostolic Mission's first step "into all the world". Samaria was a good place to start. The Philip we are hearing about is not the one who was part of the twelve disciples but the Philip who like Stephen was one of the seven "deacons" appointed by them. The fourth gospel tells us the "Jews had no dealings with Samaritans" because of a quarrel which began eight centuries previously. The Samaritans were half Jewish-half Gentile by racial descent and were on that account wide open to those who brought love, healing and acceptance leading to great joy. St Peter and St John arrive to administer the rite of Holy Baptism. This is not only the story of a certain professional magician and astrologer named Simon who was so overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit and who learned very quickly that such power can not be purchased because it is freely given, it is part of the story of all baptised Christians who are empowered and commanded to pass on what they have received to those who haven't. What was launched at this time into the public arena has been subverted into the private realm. We must put it back where it started.

Luke 3 vv 15-22

Three chords are struck. The Baptist proclaims Jesus as Messiah. John is imprisoned by Herod.. Jesus was baptized. Our liturgical year with Luke is well on its way. The commercial world has finished with Christmas until December comes. It has its own agenda to pursue, for it will jump on any bandwagon, secular or other-worldly. We have more important matters in hand. The third gospel is full of prayer and it will help us to pray with greater understanding and effect. Jesus at prayer is a powerful image. It is an activity that binds divinity and humanity in perfect balance and harmony. Praying is not primarily asking for something perceived as lacking. Praying is first and foremost contemplation, thanksgiving and adoration. Jesus knows who He is and his thankfulness overflows in divine love for the Creator, the universe and all its creatures and contents. We have not finished with Christmas. We are basking in the love of the Pieta, the constancy and the obedience of the carpenter, the radiance of their divine baby. We embrace the peace of God revealed in the season of Epiphany, for peace on earth and goodwill to all are sadly lacking.

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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CHAPTER 8: BEGINNING AT THE 14TH VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 892)

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.

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

CHAPTER 3: BEGINNING AT THE 15TH VERSE:

(Pew Bible page 834)

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." So, with many 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

Rev'd Derek Barrett's Commentary on the Readings:

Psalm 29

Judaism was not just a religion about God, it was a belief in the God who speaks, so it is not surprising that this ancient hymn has God speaking seven times in the one stanza. The repetition is very striking, especially so as the "Voice of the Lord" is heard as various forces in nature such as storms, desert winds, the roaring of the seas.