

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON**  
**Holy Communion 10.1.2021**

Processional Hymn **TiS 270**

(Please stand if you are able)

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;**

**come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way for God within;**

**prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come**

**For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;**

**without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out your hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;**

**shine forth, and let your light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**To him who left the throne of heaven to free us all, let praise be given;**

**and praise be to the Father done, and Holy Spirit, Three in One.**

*Melody adapted by William Henry Havergal 1793-1870 from a chorale in the 'Musikalisches Hand-Buch', Hamburg, 1690 Charles Coffin 1676 – 1749 tr. John Chandler 1806-76 alt. CCLI 89587*

## **Sentence**

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10.38

***The Priest greets the people.***

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Let us pray:

**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.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself'.

*Silence may be kept*

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.**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy.**

**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**

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Ministry of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Reading Genesis 1. 1-5**

...For the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Psalm Reading 29**

#### **The New Testament Reading Acts 19. 1-7**

...For the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Gospel Hymn TiS 253 O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr (twice through)**

**O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr,  
all the power belongs to you.  
Hold me by this power, O Lord,  
you alone are king.**

**Now we praise you for your Word,  
living, true and full of light.  
Yours the hands that rest on me:  
hold me for all time.**

*Australian Aboriginal melody. Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land versified by  
D'Arcy Wood 1936- CCLI 89587*

### **The Gospel Reading Mark 1. 4-11**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Reflection Baptism of our Lord Yr B 2021**

The Baptism of Jesus marks the significant beginning of his earthly ministry. The dove, the Holy Spirit descended upon him, and we are told, remained in him.

When each of us was baptised, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to us, too... poured upon us, and we were signed with the sign of the cross in holy oil, marking us as belonging to Christ forever. Most of us, good Anglicans that most of us have probably always been, cannot remember this significant beginning in our lives of faith. And yet, here began our journey with Jesus, learning and growing in faith, with the Holy Spirit remaining on us, with us always.

How different would our lives be, I wonder, if the awareness that we are marked with the sign of the cross, as belonging to Jesus forever, were really REAL in our lives? Surely if the knowledge that God holds each of us in the palm of his loving hand, and the Holy Spirit lives in us, really underpinned all our living, then we would have no fears, no anxieties. We would have no reason to ever feel unloved or neglected, would we?

May we all pray this day that the gift of the Holy Spirit, ours from our baptism, and steadfastly, faithfully remaining on us all our lives, may become truly a powerful reality for each of us.

The Spirit be with you.

Rev'd Sally

*After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.*

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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.**

## **Prayers**

### **Baptism of our Lord Yr B 2021**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith. Receive the prayers we offer.

Loving God, we thank and praise you for reminding us that like Jesus, we too are baptised with the Holy Spirit, and that your Spirit remains on us, too. We are marked with the sign of the Cross, and we belong to you forever. We say thank you. *(Pause)*

God of the nations,

We join our prayers with all those around the world today as we all pray for the United States and particularly for those responsible for the orderly, calm and peaceful transition of power to the incoming new president, President Elect Joe Biden, Vice President Elect Karmala Harris, and all their team. We pray that the volatile shocking scenes of the past days will not be repeated and that all Americans will accept with good grace the lawfully elected new government and fully support them when they are inducted into their roles of leadership, with no further scenes of mayhem and violence.

In a moment of silence, we all pray for President Elect Joe Biden and for Vice President Elect Karmala Harris.

Loving God

in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

God of the Church

We ask you to bless the leaders of our Anglican Church of Australia, members of Synods and committees, parish councils and all parish groups, particularly in our Diocese of Newcastle. May our Bishops Peter, Charlie and Sonia lead wisely and well, and may each member of our Diocesan Council be gifted with all they need to make visionary decisions for our future.

We pray your blessing on our new priest Rev'd Kate as she prepares to come to us.

Empowering God,

in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

God of Community,

Hear our prayer today for business people and others who are struggling due to downturn caused by coronavirus restrictions.

.....We pray especially for those in our Lambton district, on Elder Street, and those with whom we do our shopping or business through the week. Uphold them we pray through this difficult time. May we support them as best we can.

Faithful God,  
in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion

We bring to you for your love and care all who are in distress, pain, anguish or grief. *(Pause)* ....May they come to know the blessing of your healing, comforting presence and be relieved of all that troubles them. We especially pray for all affected by Coronavirus, either ill or anxious about it. May the calm reassurance of your peace come upon them, we pray.*(Pause)* ...Help us to be sensitive friends to all who need to know the warmth of your healing love.

Gentle God,  
in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all the ages,

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us into your Kingdom, whose lives of baptismal faith have inspired us on our way. May we join them one day, where we will be with them in your Kingdom, singing your praises forever.

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**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

**and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **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 TiS 447**

A thanksgiving offertory collection is received for the work of the Church.

**Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:**

**hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,**

**let there be light.**

**Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all  
humankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth  
your flight;  
move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in  
earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love,  
Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the  
earth far and wide,  
let there be light.**

*Adapted from Felice Giardini 1716-96 John Marriott 1780-1825 alt. CCLI  
89587*

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 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

And with all the company of heaven,

We proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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 forever. 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.**

**Agnus Dei**

**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.**

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Reflection Hymn TiS 510 (tune 342)**

**My God, your table now is spread, your cup with love will overflow;**

**be all your children to it led, and let them all its sweetness know.**

**A sacred feast which Jesus makes, rich banquet of his flesh and blood!**

**How happy those who here partake that sacred stream, that heavenly food.**

**Still let your table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests;**

**and may each soul salvation see that here its sacred pledges tastes.**

*Melody adapted by Edward Miller 1735-1807 harm. David Evans 1874-1948-Philip Doddridge 1702-51 alt. CCLI 89587*

**Prayer after Communion**

**Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**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.**

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn TiS 250**

**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.**

**God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true:  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.**

**Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call,**

**freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.**

**Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,**

**that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.**

*Melody by Thomas Jackson 1715-81 harm. David Evans 1874-1948 Francis Bland Tucker 1895-1984 CCLI 89587*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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