

The Baptism of our Lord

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9.00am



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**St Andrew's
Church
WALKERVILLE**

St Andrew's is a Christ-centred,
sacramental, inclusive, thinking,
praying and prayerful, mission-
oriented faith community

Today's Service

9.00am Holy Communion (said, with hymns)

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Michael Hillier

Processional Hymn (please stand)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia
Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
tr John Chandler (1806-76)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

May Christ, the true, the only light
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Visit us with your salvation
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.

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 Preparation

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.**

Kyrie

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

Gloria

**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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

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 baptised 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

After the reading

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 for ever.

¹⁰ **The Lord will give strength to his people:
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Reading: Acts 8: 14–17

After the reading

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

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

- 1. The sinless one to Jordan came
to share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
and chose the path his Father willed.**

- 2. Uprising from the waters there,
the voice from heaven did witness bear
that he, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.**

- 3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.**

- 4. How blessed that mission then begun
to heal and save a race undone;
straight to the wilderness he goes
to wrestle with his people's foes.**

- 5. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
go forth with you, a world to win;
and send the Holy Spirit's power
to shield them in temptation's hour.**

- 6. On you shall all your people feed
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.**

George B. Timms (1910-1997)

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter three, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

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.**

Intercessions (please sit or kneel) – refer to Cycle of Prayer on page 18

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The response to each petition is:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer for our new incumbent:

**Almighty Father, lover of us all and giver of all that is good:
hear our prayer for your servant, Tracey
whom you have called to the charge of this parish.
Strengthen her, Lord, by your Holy Spirit
and fill her with love for your people;
that as a faithful priest and true servant of your Son
she may preach your word,
minister your sacraments,
and shepherd your flock,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Parish prayer:

**God our Father, you have made us members of Christ and of his
church in this parish. May our worship be the offering of our hearts
and lives to you. Help us to reach out in welcome to newcomers and
visitors, to encourage and care for each other in friendship and
fellowship, and to grow in grace, love and unity; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

After the intercessions:

**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 Prayer of Approach

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.**

Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

A pause for reflection.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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

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**

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 – during this hymn the bread and wine for Holy Communion will be presented, and the Collection taken

**1. When Jesus came to Jordan,
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

**2. He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**

**3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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 your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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.'

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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, 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 Bread and 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.

The congregation joins in the 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.

Invitation to Communion

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.

Administration of Communion

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available on request. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward to receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal to the priest).

Please do not intinct your Communion wafer into the wine, but receive them separately.

Communion Hymn

- 1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do or say.**
- 2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.**

- 3. May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**
- 4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing -
this is victory.**
- 5. May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

**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.**

Notices

Final Hymn

- 1. Freed in Christ from death and sin,
slaves no more to self within,
let abundant life begin
at the call of Christ.**

2. Out of darkness into light,
given grace to walk aright,
strength and courage for the fight,
turned to follow Christ.
3. In the Spirit's life to grow,
day by day his fullness know,
and in fruitful lives to show
we belong to Christ.
4. Bearers of his name and sign,
sharers in his bread and wine,
one with him in life divine,
keeping faith with Christ.
5. Praise him for his love outpoured,
lives renewed and hopes restored;
praise the everlasting Lord,
glory be to Christ!

Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-2024)

Blessing & Dismissal

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Organ Postlude – we sit in reflection

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Please make your way to the Parish Centre for a cup of tea/coffee, and a presentation on the life of Jesus viewed through the lens of the geography of the Holy Land.

If you are new today, welcome! Contact forms are available for you to complete today: we would love to have your contact details so that we can keep you up to date with the life of the parish. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers for a form, and return it to them (or place it in the offertory bowl) when you have completed it. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Sunday 12 January	9.00am	Holy Communion (said, w hymns)
Baptism of our Lord		
Wednesday 15 January	9.30am	Office reopens, until 5pm
Friday 17 January	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Staff meeting (Office)
	10.00am	Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
Sunday 19 January	9.00am	Holy Communion (said, w hymns)
Epiphany 2		
Wednesday 22 January	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
Friday 24 January	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Staff meeting (Office)
	10.00am	Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
Sunday 26 January	9.00am	Holy Communion (said, w hymns)
Epiphany 3		
Tuesday 28 January	9.00am	School Staff Commencement service (Church)
Wednesday 29 January	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
Thursday 30 January	9.00am	School service (Church)
Friday 31 January	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
	10.00am	Staff meeting (Office)
	2.00pm	Parish Centre set up for market
Saturday 1 February	10.00am	Market (Parish Centre)
Sunday 2 February	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Presentation of Christ in the Temple	9.30am	Holy Communion (sung)

For your Prayers this week

The Nations and People of the Earth:

- Let us pray for peace in our world and for those who work tirelessly to bring this about.
- The situation in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- Our country and its leaders at both Federal and State levels; may they have the necessary wisdom and personal integrity needed.
- For farmers, pastoralists and all who work on the land in some way; particularly as farmers begin to look to the coming season.
- For farming communities and those whose livelihood is directly affected by the prosperity or otherwise of those on the land.
- Those who work in agricultural departments and in agricultural colleges. Giving thanks for their work.

The Church and its Mission:

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of West Africa:

Primate ++Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith

Adelaide: Ingle Farm & Para Hills: Joseph Chung (Virginia)

Willochra: Eastern Eyre Peninsula (Cleve, Cowell, Kimba):

Hellena Thom

The Murray: Onkaparinga Valley (Balhannah, Hahndorf, Woodside):

David McDougall (Andrea)

National Church: Grafton: +Murray Harvey (Leanne)

At St Andrew's we pray:

- For Tracey Gracey, our parish priest-elect as she prepares to come to Walkerville next month.
- For the life of our parish.
- For those holding positions of responsibility in the life of the parish.
- For Suzanne, our office manager.

Ourselves and our Community:

- For the many volunteers within our local communities.
- All on holiday at this time.
- For all community organisations and the work they do.
- All who are sick and any we may particularly know.

Those asking for our prayers:

Maggie Crewes; Lyall von Einem; Wayne Butcher; Jill Berry; Rhonda Gilmour; Allan Edgar; Kathy Edgar; Donna Coombe; Dale Van Heer

The Departed

We give thanks to God for all who have gone before us and who have helped to shape our lives. As we remember them, we give thanks and pray for all the faithful departed, particularly remembering those who have died in the service of our country.

Hilary of Poitiers (d. 367), <i>bishop and teacher</i>	13 January
Sava (d. 1235), <i>first archbishop of the Serbian Church</i>	14 January
Antony of Egypt (d. 356), <i>abbot</i>	17 January

Quotation: The great conversion – belonging to God

‘As long as we belong to this world, we will remain subject to its competitive ways and expect to be rewarded for all the good we do. But when we belong to God, who loves us without conditions, we can live as he does. The great conversion called for by Jesus is to move from belonging to the world to belonging to God.’

Henri Nouwen: *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*,
page 125

Readings for next Sunday (Epiphany 2)

1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Psalm 36: 5-10

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Rosters for today, Sunday 12th January (Baptism of our Lord)

Celebrant: 9.00am The Rev'd Michael Hillier
Readers: 9.00am Janet Martin
Prayer Leader: 9.00am Lyn Dow
Lay Assistant: 9.00am Malcolm Allen
Server: 9.00am Jennifer Harris
Welcomers: 9.00am Jan de Wit; Sally Zimmerman; Roy Ingram
Morning Tea 9.00am Val Ingram; Suzanne Sexton

Rosters for next Sunday, 19th January (Epiphany 2)

Celebrant & Preacher: 9.00am The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw
Readers: 9.00am Christine Thomas
Prayer Leader: 9.00am Michael Thomas
Lay Assistants: 9.00am Biffy Ormsby
Server: 9.00am John Beer
Welcomers: 9.00am Brian Zwar; Michael Thomas; Rob Dow
Morning Tea 9.00am Frances Wilson; Molly Radakovitch;
Joan Beer

Rosters for Sunday 26th January (Epiphany 3/ Australia Day)

Celebrant: 9.00am The Rev'd Michael Hillier
Reader: 9.00am Ray Newell
Prayer Leader: 9.00am Wayne Butcher
Lay Assistant: 9.00am Wayne Butcher
Server: 9.00am Jacob Harris
Welcomers: 9.00am Ray Newell; Robin Coleman; Tony
Holloway
Morning Tea: 9.00am Jennie Coleman; Margaret Gall;
Donna Coombe; Yvonne Facy