

St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church

Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg

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Baptism of Christ Sunday

12th January 2020

We are meant to have more than relics of Christ.

We are meant to have Christ himself.

—Caryll Houselander

Come to us, O Spirit of Life,
that we might experience you here and now. **Amen.**

We Sing

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

(TiS 217)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown:
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 never more thy temples leave:
 thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be,
 let us see thy great salvation,
 perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: Hyfrydol

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ENCOUNTERING

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

We Sing “O radiant Christ, incarnate Word”

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
Come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our battered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan’s stream,
the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.

Words: Ruth Duck
Tune: O Waly, Waly

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13–17

(Those who are able, are invited to remain standing for the Gospel.)

May your word live in us:
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Reflection on the Word

RESPONDING

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Introduction

Reaffirmation

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
who has defeated the power of sin and death
and brings us to new life?

I turn to Christ.

Do you commit yourself to God,
trusting in Jesus Christ as liberator
and in the Holy Spirit
as God's power and presence along the way?

I commit myself to God.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

This is the faith of God's baptised people.

We are not ashamed to confess it.

Commitment to Mission

Will you continue in the community of faith,
the apostles' teaching,
the breaking of bread and the prayers?

With God's help, we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With God's help, we will.

Will you seek Christ in all people,
and love your neighbour as yourself?

With God's help, we will.

Will you strive for justice and peace,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

With God's help, we will.

Recollection of Baptism

*(Those who wish are invited to come forward
to dip their hand in the font and be anointed with oil.)*

The Sign of the Cross

We Sing**“Three things I promise”**

Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.

Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Words: Brian Wren
Music: Daniel Damon

Prayers of the People

The Disciple's Prayer

*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.*

Offering and Song of Praise

(TiS 768 ii)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Words: Charles Coffin, 1736

Prayer of Dedication

JOURNEYING

Sung Benediction “May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus”

May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus
And the love of our God
And the friendship, and the unity
of the Spirit be with you.
Be with you.

Words and music: Andrew Dutney

Please gather for morning tea, in the hall after worship