

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST BARNABAS, CARLISLE-RIVERVALE
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
10 JANUARY 2021

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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS, Chapter 1, verses 1-5:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM 29:

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.

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 BOOK OF THE ACTS, Chapter 19, verses 1-7:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark, Chapter 1, verses 4-11:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Water and light and voice; these are inextricably linked. God created light from the face of the deep by vocalising the creative injunction. The voice of the Lord is generative, it makes things. In Genesis, the light of creation is made; in the Gospel, the light of the world, Jesus Christ is revealed. God's voice declares Jesus to be God's Son after his ritual death and resurrection in water.

Pray for the light of the world to be known among the nations. Help us to become the voice of God, creating and redeeming the world.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

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Please pray for – Enid, Alem & Helen his mother, Gail & family, Jackie & family and Chris, Sonia & Adam, Dita, Bernie & June, Bp Jeremy and Lynne, Beryl & John, Evelyn, Brenda, Wicke.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Wednesday 10:30 funeral Bp Jeremy's wife Lyn
at Cathedral

Friday 9:30 Craft group at church

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Rev John away 4-18 & 21-27 January

***** PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL VALUABLES AT CHURCH**

PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PROPER HYGIENE

World Day of Prayer here 5/3/21.

Sunday, 22 August 2021, 10:00am Commemoration Eucharist - Bishop Kate Wilmot presiding
Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 10:00am - 12:00pm - Barney's Free Coffee - 50th Birthday Edition
Thursday, 26 August 2021, time TBA - Parish Soup Evening for Barney's Family and Friends

Saturday 28 August 2021, 10:00am - 02:00pm Barney's Community Fair

Food offerings to Ascension Church are still being taken – see list on notice board.

The St Barnabas Parish Prayer:

Lord, may the people of this Parish be never ceasing in prayer, so that we all may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to lead lives worthy of God, fully pleasing to him while bearing fruit in every good work. May we all be made strong in the power of God who rescues us from the powers of darkness and transfers us to the Kingdom of his Son in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. Amen. (Colossians 1:9-14)

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IN ITS OWN PARISHES?***

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