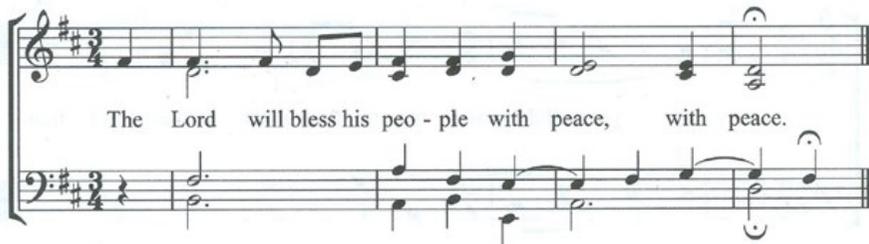


PSALM

Psalm 29:1–4, 8–9 Response v. 10

The response is sung first by the cantor, and then by the congregation; thereafter it is sung by the congregation after each verse.



Simon Lesley

O give the Lord you children of God, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

Response

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of
splendour.

Response

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

Response



St David's., Ardross
St George's, Applecross
9 January 2022

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REFLECTION on the BAPTISM of OUR LORD

During this brief liturgical season between Christmas and Lent, we are invited to leave miraculous births and angel choirs behind, and seek the love, majesty, and power of God in seemingly mundane things. Rivers. Voices. Doves. Clouds. You. Me.

In the Gospel stories we will read during this season, God will part the curtain for brief, shimmering moments, allowing us to look beneath and beyond the ordinary surfaces of our lives, and catch glimpses of the wild and the extraordinary. This, of course, is a way of describing the sacrament of baptism. It is a place and a moment where the extraordinary grace of God blesses the ordinary water we stand in.

The Spirit who hovered over the unformed earth at the dawn of Creation is the same Spirit who hovers over us today. The God who loosened the tongues of first-century believers to speak truth to power is the same God who raises up prophets today.

In other words, the geography of baptism spans all times and all places. It is far too large and wild a thing for us to tame or control. May we, during this season, and every season, join Jesus as he stands in line at the water's edge, willing to immerse himself in all we are capable of so all the wild wonder of God might be ours to cherish.

May we, too, hear the delighted Voice that tells us who we are and whose we are in the sacrament of baptism.

Even in the wild, untameable water of our time we stand in, may we know ourselves as God's Beloved.

Wendy

Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

We respectfully acknowledge Noongar People as the original custodians of this land, and their ongoing relationship with it.

PRAYERS Gracious God, we ask for your blessing and healing for all.

In the Diocese we pray for:

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Bishop Jeremy James and Bishop Kate Wilmot and Bishop Christopher Ruto of our partnered Diocese of Eldoret
Our partnered parish St Stephens Aturei, priest Rev Josephat Bett and people

For those in need at this time:

Prayers of comfort, peace, and company for all we know and love who are in need of prayers of love and support. Prayers have been asked for Ann and Arthur Taylor.

Norma and Frank Platell (2019), Marjorie (Peta) Bowen (2021)
May their portion in paradise be rest and peace.

The Prayer Diary is available at: <https://www.perth.anglican.org/prayer-diary>

Notices

5th Sunday in January (the 30th)

Our choir will be attending
St George's.

EPIPHANY EVENING

Those wise men in all their wisdom gave up all they knew, all the comfort of their life to meet Christ in the world.

May we be so wise.

Come and celebrate us under the stars at St George's this Thursday evening- anytime from 6pm.



ST GEORGE'S MEETING

Tuesday **2pm 18 January**
at St George's

True baptism allows us to reframe, and contain, the reality of evil, without needing to blame anyone else, without any need for shame or vengeance. We are all in this together, and our common wound shows itself in different ways.

Richard Rohr



Our candle remains lit for all affected by the Covid pandemic.

We continue to wear masks as an outward sign of our love for our neighbour. Please use hand sanitiser provided.

JAMES GEORGE has been placed with us for a two year, fulltime Curacy from the end of February. James will be ordained on the same evening as Peregrin - 24 February - which will be a great occasion for the parish.

Combined service - 9.30am 27 Feb to welcome James to the parish and to his ministry of Deacon in the church. This will be his first service as an ordained person. Come and welcome and support him and his family.

The responsibilities of deacons involve assisting at worship - particularly setting up the altar for the Eucharist and reading the Gospel. They are also accorded responsibility for pastoral care and community outreach, in keeping with their traditional role of manifesting the church in the world.



HYMNS

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252 (to 650)
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READINGS

THIS WEEK

Isaiah 43.1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-22

NEXT WEEK

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

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