



**St Ives Uniting Church
Sunday January 10th 2021
Baptism of Jesus**

Service to mark the closure of Ministry at St Ives Uniting Church
of the Rev Dr Geoffrey Dornan

Notices and Welcome

Lawrence Peak

Introduction

Call to Worship

Ian Lawrence

Prayer of Invocation

Ian Lawrence

We light the Christ Candle

Hymn 183

Sing to the Lord's Goodness

"The Lord's Goodness"

Christmas Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Ian Lawrence

God, in your grace and mercy,
you gave us your Son to be our Emmanuel:
Give us a renewal of faith and life at this Christmas time.
When we trivialize the Christmas Gospel

Lord, have mercy.

When we talk of peace and goodwill,
with so little of it in our lives;

Lord, have mercy.

So that we may not only sing carols and light candles
but also to serve the Christ
and allow the light to shine in and through us;

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you most generous God
for all the peace and joy which you give us.

**We thank you for sins forgiven, hope renewed,
relationships repaired, faith rekindled,
for your great love in Jesus Christ
established once again in our lives.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel, God with us,

**We worship you and joyfully offer the praise
of heart, voice, mind and strength. Amen**

Bruce Prewer – Australian Prayers

Passing of the Peace

The peace of God be with you all
And also with you.

Please share the peace with your immediate neighbours.

First Lesson Psalm 29 Jane Chorley

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his^[a] holiness.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over
the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood, the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson Mark Chapter 1 Verses 4 – 11 Philip Southwell

And so, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Hymn 207 Jesus shall reign *Warrington*

Reflection "Farewell Thoughts" Geoff Dornan

Offering

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him, above ye heavenly host,**

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

The Eucharist

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of resounding joy be with you!

And also with you!

May your hearts be filled with joy!

May God fill our emptiness with the carols of angels!

Children of the resurrection, lift your praises to God!

***We join with all creation in shouting our praise
to the One who loves us!***

From the rubble of chaos,
you shaped a sanctuary for creation.
Having formed us in your image,
your Spirit breathed peace into us,
inviting us to wander the gardens of wonder.
But we chose to hide ourselves behind
the locked doors of fear.
Prophets came, to witness about your
willingness to forgive us and
to take our fears away from us.
When we would not respond
to your gracious invitations,
Jesus came to free us from our brokenness.

With our ancestors in the faith,
with our children and grandchildren,
with everyone who sees you coming,
we state our glad praise to you:

(We sing)

***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

Holy are you, God of our ancestors,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the first and last.
Co-creator of all that is around us,
he came to bear witness to your promises.
Our Lord as well as our God,
he blesses all who believe in him
whether or not they have seen him.
Serving you in life as well as death,
he became the first-born of the dead,
so we might be your children through eternity.

As we remember all he did and taught,
as we celebrate the wonder of his resurrection,
we state that mystery we call faith:

***Christ was the One who died for us;
Christ is the One who is risen for us;
Christ is the One who will come for us.***

Institution

Lord's Prayer

Let us say the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여
이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며
나라이 임하옵시며
뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것 같이
땅에서도 이루어지이다.
오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고
우리가 우리에게
죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것 같이
우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고
우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고
다만 악에서 구하옵소서
대개 나라와 권세와 영광이
아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘

Breaking of the Bread

Christ is the bread of joy
Who shares food with us.

Christ is the cup of life,
Who revives us

Let us receive what we are;
Let us become what we receive.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Wisdom of God,
have mercy on us

Jesus, Word made flesh,
have mercy on us

Jesus, Liberator of creation
grant us peace.

Communion

Distribution

Geoff will distribute the wafers – communion in one kind – with regard to the reality of Covid which still besets us.

Prayer after Communion

God of heaven and earth,
 you make us one in Christ.
 Inspire us with new vision
 and the wisdom of ancient dreams.
 Give us strength to walk together as a people,
 who see things diversely,
 who see through the heart.
 In Christ's name

Amen

Prayers for the way

Ross Lorenz

Hymn

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me,
 If I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 And never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown
 in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 should your life attract or scare,
 will you let me answer prayer
 in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
 if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 to reshape the world around
 through my sight and touch and sound
 in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you and you in me.

John Bell and Graham Maule

THE LETTING GO OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

The presbytery representative, Mr. Ian Lawrence, says:

Since the Church lives by the power of the Word,
 it is assured that God has never failed
 to provide a witness to that Word.

On *March 18th 2016*, the Presbytery of Sydney Central Coast,
 inducted Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Dornan as a minister of the Word among you.

We witnessed your promises to take part
in the public worship of God,
to contribute to the work of God,
and to make a Christian witness in the community
by word and action.

The Presbytery believes that God has called him
to minister in another place.
It has confirmed his call
to the Wesley Church congregation of the Canberra Region Presbytery
The time has come to mark the end
of his particular responsibilities
in this congregation,
and to send him with God's blessing
to this new ministry.

The Minister - Rev. Dr. Dornan says

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
you called me to minister with you,
and charged me to preach the Word,
preside at the sacraments
and to oversee the pastoral life of the congregation.
You will call another minister in my place
and I must lay down the tasks you committed to me.

I therefore hand this pastoral list to you
with the of names of the people for whom I have cared,
and ask you to continue to care for these people,
and in due time, to share it with my successor.

The secretary of the Church Council – Mrs. Caroline Turner - receives the list.

Blessing Rev Dr Dornan

On behalf of my family I want to thank you all
for the love, kindness, and support shown to us these last four and a half years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.
I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here,
and am especially grateful for your friendship and care,
which we will always cherish.

The bible tells us that endings are also new beginnings.
Therefore, let us go forward serving God in our respective places,
for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.

Go now, and follow God's calling.

As you have been a blessing to us, go to be a blessing to others.

As you have been a blessing to me,
so also may you be a blessing to others.

***Continue faithfully in word and deed
in all to which God has called you***

May you live a vital faith and offer God's generous hospitality

Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church.

Give and receive comfort as you serve within the world.

May God, the Father, bless your ministry in Canberra.

May God, the Father, bless you in your ministry in St Ives.

May God, the Son, be ever with you and guide you.

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***May God, the Holy Spirit,
equip you with everything good to do God's will.***

May God, the Holy Spirit,
equip you with everything good to do God's will.

And may you always know God's peace.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

in the name of Christ. Amen

Mr. Ian Lawrence says:

And now, on behalf of the Presbytery of Sydney Central Coast,
we thank you for your ministry of God's grace
in this congregation.

We release you from this ministry,
and commend you to the pastoral care
of the Presbytery of the Canberra Region

As you take up a new placement at Wesley Church Forrest
we will pray for God's blessing
on your continuing ministry.

The Aaronic blessing is sung (AHB 572)

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

FAREWELL and THANK YOU Dr. Lawrence Peak - Chair, Church Council

Mr. Ian Lawrence says:

Let us pray.

O God,
be with those who leave, and with those who stay;
and grant that all of us, by drawing nearer to you,
may always be close to each other
in the communion of saints;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

