



December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Baptism & Sung Eucharist**

## Welcome

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## The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #98 "Hark the Glad Sound!"**

### Greeting

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

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** There is one body and one Spirit,

**People** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

**Celebrant** One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**People** **One God and Father of all.**

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**Hymn #107 "Prepare the Way" (sung twice)**

### Advent Candle Lighting

### The First Candle – a Candle of Expectation

**Reader 1** Christmas is coming! We all have expectations – tinsel, presents, food, and laughter.

**Reader 2** We live in a world where our expectations are built up all the time – the computer we should have, the house we would like, the holiday we need. When we don't get those things it hurts. We need better expectations.

**Reader 1** There are people in many parts of the world who have learned to expect nothing – not food, not shelter. Sometimes not love. They should be able to expect better.

**Reader 2** Christ is coming! As we look forward to our Christmas celebrations we light this first candle in expectation of the coming of Christ, who brings joy and justice to all people, everywhere.

*The first candle is lighted.*

**People** **Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the joy and justice that few expect but all need. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Proclamation of the Word****First Reading:**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:3–9**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber  
Tune Hymn #431 Breslau

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| 1 | Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,<br>And teach my feet your path, I pray;<br>For my salvation comes from you,<br>I trust in you throughout the day. | 3 | Gracious and upright is the Lord;<br>He teaches sinners in his way;<br>He guides the humble toward the right,<br>Instructs the lowly day by day. |
| 2 | Remember your compassion, Lord,<br>Your steadfast love of ancient days,<br>And in that love remember me,<br>Remember not my youthful ways.           | 4 | The pathways of the Lord are love<br>And faithfulness to all his own<br>Who keep his covenant and all<br>The testimonies he made known.          |

God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## I Thessalonians 3:9–13

**Second Reading:**

*Reader* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn #94 "Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near"****Holy Gospel:**

Luke 21:25–36

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

## The Baptism

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Carter Antoine Lytle

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*Celebrant* The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and sponsors*

I present Carter Antoine Lytle to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents and sponsors*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and sponsors*

I will, with God's help.

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Carter in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

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*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Carter who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Celebration of Baptism

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### Thanksgiving over the Water

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Celebrant** Let us join with Carter who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### **The Baptismal Covenant** page 158

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

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

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant** Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

**People** **I will with God's help.**

#### **The Baptism**

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**Celebrant** Carter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

#### **The Giving of the Light**

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**Celebrant** Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**People** **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**Celebrant** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### **The Peace**

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**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

#### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

##### **Offertory Hymn #109 "When the King Shall Come Again"**

##### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**People** **God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Advent

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna  
hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Therefore*, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Anointing****The Lord's Prayer [Hymn #684]***Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowèd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #5***Celebrant* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.*People* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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**O Lamb of God** [Hymn #685]

*People*    **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:**  
 have mercy upon us.  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:**  
 have mercy upon us.  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:**  
 grant us thy peace.

**The Communion**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

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*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

*Today being the first Sunday of the month, we will offer the prayer ministry of Anointing.*

*If you would like to receive this ministry,  
 proceed to the back of the church and then come forward to receive Communion.*

**Communion Hymn "The Advent of Our King"** Text by C. Coffin; translation by the Rev. John Chandler

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| 1 | The Advent of our King<br>Our prayers must now employ,<br>And we must hymns of welcome sing<br>In strains of holy joy.   | 4 | As judge, on clouds of light,<br>He soon will come again,<br>And his true members all unite<br>With him in heaven to reign. |
| 2 | The Everlasting Son<br>Incarnate deigns to be;<br>Himself a servant's form puts on,<br>To set his servants free.         | 5 | Before the dawning day<br>Let sin's dark deeds be gone;<br>The old man all be put away,<br>The new man all put on.          |
| 3 | Daughter of Sion, rise<br>To meet thy lowly King;<br>Nor let thy faithless heart despise<br>The peace he comes to bring. | 6 | All glory to the Son,<br>Who comes to set us free,<br>With Father, Spirit, ever One,<br>Through all eternity.               |

**Prayer for Anointing****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*People*    **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing****Announcements**

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Recessional Hymn #101 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"****Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace full of expectation to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

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**Please join us for refreshments following the service.**