



The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent

The Sacrament of Baptism

November 28, 2021 ~ 10:45 a.m.



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+ ADVENT +

GATHERING

* = *Rise* as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☩ = a customary time to “cross” oneself

PRELUDE

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Advent Responsory

Brooks

*I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel.*

High and low, rich and poor, one with another. Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader May the grace and peace of God be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader As we make our Advent pilgrimage, looking forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us in prayer and praise, thanksgiving and song, give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures, that Christ’s reign of love and light will indeed come among us. Let us offer ourselves anew as witnesses to the advent of Christ’s glory, seeking to bring Christ’s light and love to those who sit in darkness.

People **Come, O long expected Jesus, come.**

* ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 1,2,4,6,8)

Hymnal 56

WORD

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in 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 FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 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. 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 25:1-9 (*Sung by all*)



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- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in **you**;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph **over** me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to **shame**;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their **schemes**.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader A reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

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

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 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. 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.**

* SEQUENCE HYMN

O heavenly Word, eternal light

Hymnal 64

* THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ✺ ✺ ✺**

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Sarah Hess, Seminarian

THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Nolan Wheeler to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by our prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of

God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with Nolan who is committed to Christ this day and renew our own baptismal covenant.

* THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Priest Do you believe in God 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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**
Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

* PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Priest Let us now pray for Nolan, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest 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 forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it 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, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

N.N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Nolan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Amen.

Nolan, receive the light of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain her, 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 love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy, to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was, and is, and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord!*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon; for Christ is coming soon!*

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

* THE PRESENTATION

Hark, the glad sound

Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre - pare a
throne, and ev - ery voice a song.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCARISTIC PRAYER B

* SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People



And Al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of him in everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear 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:

* SANCTUS

Hymnal S130

A musical score for the Sanctus hymn. It features two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are
 full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Celebrant continues)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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.”

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, according to his command, O Father,

People **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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in Christ's care, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us* *Hymnal 61*

SENDING

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* HYMN IN PROCESSION

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

* THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Herr Christ, De Ein'ge Gottes Sohn

J.S. Bach

Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Preacher	Sarah Hess
Organist	Merry Lee Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Stewardship Season! The vestry, rector, staff and finance team are preparing for life together at Grace in 2022, and by now most of you will have received your pledge cards in the mail. Please pray about what you may be called to offer as we make our commitments for the coming year. as we seek to name, celebrate and steward the gifts, financial and otherwise, that God has given us in this community of Grace. You may send pledge cards in the mail, drop them in the offering bags on Sunday morning, or make a pledge online at www.saygrace.net.

During Advent, the Sunday Lectionary class will be looking at lament through videos and scripture, in particular the psalms of lament and Lamentations. Lament moves us beyond mere grief for the world we live in, the pandemic, the political divide, racial injustice not to mention personal grief for lost friends, broken relationships, etc. It moves us to trust in the Lord, that his kingdom will come. Therefore, it seems like an appropriate way to prepare for Christ's birth. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Barth Room. If Sunday morning is not a feasible time for you but you would like to learn more about lament and try this practice during Advent I will hold a **Zoom discussion group on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 if there is enough interest.** Please let me know if you are interested in this option by catching me before or after church on Sunday or emailing me at David.stanislawska@chattanoogastate.edu.

The Grace Online Directory has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item “BREEZE” at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is ‘saygrace’ and the password is ‘Chattanooga’. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

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