

THE AREA PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE
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The Third Sunday of Advent – 10:00 AM

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Baptism of Jesus

Scott, Lorenzo. Baptism of Jesus, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56877> [retrieved December 6, 2021]. Original source: <https://americanart.si.edu/artwork/baptism-jesus-33953>.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to find a candle you can light and prepare a space where you can join us in worship from wherever you are. Please have your candles already lit and prayer spaces ready before we begin.

We acknowledge that:

We gather today on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

This land has been cared for and inhabited by indigenous people since the beginning. For those who gather from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymn numbers in Common Praise are as indicated.

Copies of this booklet are available for people to use in church on Sunday. For those familiar with Anglican liturgies, you may prefer to use a copy of the Book of Alternative Services, and simply listen for the parts that change:

- *Hymns as announced*
- *The Collect of the Day*
- *The Readings*
- *The Prayers of the People (the response is announced)*
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The Collect of the Day and Readings can be found at <https://lectionary.anglican.ca>.

Before the service begins, candles may be lit for each Sunday of Advent.

The Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

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Announcements may be offered at this time. The people stand.

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near

Common Praise 94

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

(repeated 3 times before the Collect, twice after)

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

God of power and mercy,
you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for 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

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

All are invited to respond by reading the second half of the verse.

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Canticle 3 (Song of Thanksgiving)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The responses will be sung. Music can be found on p 920 of the BAS.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3:7-18

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, with the words 'Hear our prayer'.

For your church, that it might rejoice in the Lord always; for our full communion partners; for our companion synods around the globe; and for congregations in our neighbourhood.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we join with others in the Anglican Communion as we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada, we pray for The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office; Melanie Delva, Reconciliation Animator; Dawn Maracle, Animator, Indigenous Justice – Interim; Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications; Kyle Giesbrecht, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration

In our Diocese, we pray for Bishop Shane Parker; For The Well, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries) and for their Executive Director Rachel Robinson; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for Redeemer Church, Amman, Jordan

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

For the earth, that it be renewed with love; for old growth forests and polar ice caps; for lakes and rivers; and for the place we call home. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all nations, that war and disaster cease; for countries recovering from famines or earthquakes; and for people whose human rights have been violated. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those whose hands or hearts have grown weak; for the outcast; for those weighed down with shame; for the dying and the sick, especially remembering **Donna, Pat, Brooklyn, Rob** and any others who we name silently or aloud this morning (*short silence*). Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For this gathering, for our congregational leaders, and for those who with their prayers sustain our common life. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Dorothy Berg who has died and her family and friends who mourn. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine on her. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need. In the name of your Son, our Emmanuel.
Amen.

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at office@stjamescarletonplace.ca or 613-257-3178.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

Common Praise 103

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he rings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope,
renew in us the joy of your salvation
and make us a living sacrifice to you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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The responses will be sung. Music can be found on p 920 of the BAS. At other services, the responses will be said.

(sung) The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface for Advent, p 219

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.

Common Praise 735

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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."

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,
(said) we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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.

The Lord's Prayer

When sung, the text below is used. When said, the traditional version on p 211 will be used.

David Haas

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread 5

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God of promise,
You prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called
To the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (sung)

Common Praise 745

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
The sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.**

If you are watching this service online and not able to receive communion with us today, you may use this prayer at home. Others in the church may wish to use this prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hearts;
now we put our lives into your hands.

Take us, renew us and remake us.

What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you.

In your name we pray. Amen.

*Adapted from A Wee Worship Book,
Wild Goose Resource Group*

Those present receive communion. The choir may sing an anthem.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope,
and untiring in love all the days of your life;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn **Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement**

Common Praise 111

**Herald! Sound the note of judgement,
warning note of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness,
till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!**

**Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!**

**Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children,
and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!**

**Herald! Sound the note of triumph!
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!**

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