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Service of Holy Baptism

For Kimberly & William Hurley
Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10:30 am
Baptized by Pastor Jonathan Klein

Order of Worship

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Kim, in coming to be baptized and in you and Spencer bringing William to be baptized, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Ananias said to the apostle Paul after his conversion, "Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away." And Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the ones present for Baptism, saying:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head (†) and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Prayer

M: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Kimberly & William. Through this water of Baptism, drown in them all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil they may do. Set them apart from the unbelieving world and hold them safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep them always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that they may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which Kimberly & William will be baptized:

Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: Kimberly, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

B: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

B: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that this triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

B: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

B: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

B: Yes, I do.

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: Kimberly Christine Hurley, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you both to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

M: Spencer and Kimberly, do you desire to have William baptized into this same Christian faith?

P: Yes.

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: William Thomas Hurley, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

May God strengthen you both to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation to Parents

M: Dear Spencer and Kimberly, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you: Do you sincerely intend to bring up William in the way of the Lord so that he may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in his baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

P: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Exhortation to Godparents

M: Dear Sabina & Gregory, William has been baptized in the name of the triune God. It is your privilege and responsibility to remember him in your prayers, to remind him of his baptism, and, as far as possible, to give your counsel and aid that he may be brought up in the true knowledge of God according to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, that is, the Bible. If you intend gladly and willingly to do this, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

G: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Prayer

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Kimberly and William that they may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.

C: Amen.

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