



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer

WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join us today.

If you are visiting and are interested in learning more about the Advent, please complete an information card (located in the pew rack in front of you) so we can get to know you better.

Except for hymns, page numbers listed in the bulletin refer to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal.

The Lord be with you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

3K – Room 104

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ADULT CLASSES

Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Key Distinctives in Matthew's Gospel* – Dean Pinter

Foundations of Faith (Living Room) – *Suffering God in Scripture* – Gil Kracke

A Christian Response to Evil (Lower School Library) – *Evil in the New Testament*
– Dennis Sansom

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Raising Boys* – Leslie and Kevin Housman

MORNING PRAYER

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VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G (*Pièce d'Orgue*), BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 137

Wareham

OPENING SENTENCES

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

-Isaiah 49:6b

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

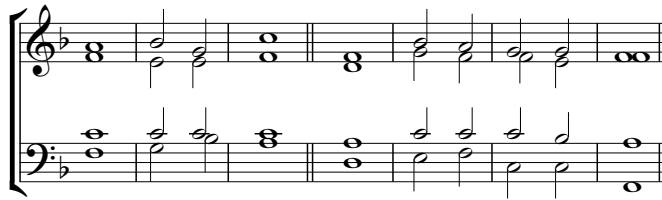
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

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

INVITATORY: JUBILATE DEO WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

William Russell



Choral Antiphon: *The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.*

O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands;
serve the Lord with gladness * and come before his | presence | with a | song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; * it is he that hath made us and not | we our|selves;
we are his people and the | sheep of • his | pas|ture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving * and into his | courts with | praise;
be thankful unto him and | speak | good of • his | Name.
For the Lord is gracious; * his mercy is | ever|lasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to | gene|ra|tion.

-Psalm 100

THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 99

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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

A READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PETER.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (1:16-21)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

CANTICLE: A SONG OF PRAISE

John Rutter

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are
 wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the
 ra-di-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-
 alt you for ev-er. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your
 tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you.
 Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and
 high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er. Glo-ry to you, be-
 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.
 Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit;
 we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” (17:1-9)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADERS CAN DEPART FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING THE SINGING OF THIS HYMN.
CHILDREN SHOULD WALK DIRECTLY TO THE GYM TO MEET THEIR TEACHERS.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 129

Mowsley

THE SERMON

Dean Smalley

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

THE PRAYERS

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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.**

SUFFRAGES

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;

People: Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

THE WELCOME AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Vast Ocean of light, whose rays surround
 The Universe, who know'st nor ebb, nor shore,
 Who lend'st the Sun his sparkling drop, to store
 With overflowing beams Heav'n, air, ground,
 Whose depths beneath the Centre none can sound,
 Whose heights 'bove Heav'n, and thoughts so lofty soar,
 Whose breadth no feet, no lines, no chains, no eyes survey,
 Whose length no thoughts can reach, no worlds can bound,
 What cloud can mask thy face? where can thy ray
 Find an Eclipse? what night can hide Eternal Day?

-*Phineas Fletcher*

British composer Jonathan Dove (b. 1959) is primarily known for his work in the realm of opera, but his versatility and adaptability has gained him great success in writing other music as well, particularly sacred choral music. *Vast Ocean of Light* was composed in 2010 and inspired by its text, written by Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650), who also famously penned the text *Drop, Drop, Slow Tears*. About the work, Dove states: "Light, and the idea of light, has always been a source of inspiration to me, and the heavenly bodies often provoke a desire to create some kind of numinous music." With light being a central theme in the season of Epiphany, this is a fitting work to sing on this Last Sunday after Epiphany.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**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. Amen.**

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 7

Ratisbon

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach

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*Come to me,
all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11.28

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