



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT  
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026  
*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*  
Choral Matins

# 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.

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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](http://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*

CONFSSION 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.

# THE PRECES

Bernard Rose

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

Precentor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Precentor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

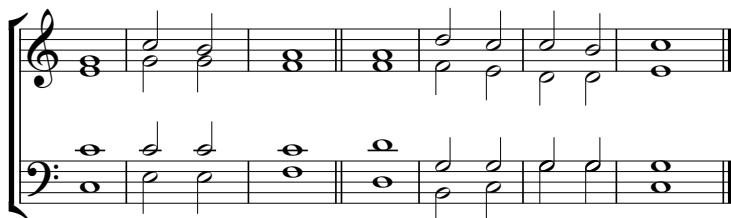
Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

Precentor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

## INVITATORY: VENITE WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

*Richard Goodson*



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

THE CHOIR SINGS AN OPENING ANTIPHON, THEN THE CONGREGATION SINGS:

- 1 O come let us sing | unto the | Lord :  
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our sal|va|tion.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | thanks|giving :  
    and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | great | God :  
    and a great | king a|bove all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the | earth :  
    and the strength of the hills is | his | al|so.
- 5 The sea is | his and • he | made it :  
    and his hands pre|pared the | dry | land.

6 O come let us worship and | fall | down :  
and kneel before the | Lord our | ma|ker.  
7 For he is the | Lord our | God :  
and we are the people of his pasture \* and the | sheep of | his | hand.  
8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty • of | holiness :  
let the whole earth | stand in | awe of | him.  
9 For he cometh \* for he cometh to | judge the | earth :  
and with righteousness to judge the world \* and the | peoples | with his | truth.

*-Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## PSALM 99

*Anglican Chant: Edgar Frederick Day*

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 The Lord is King, be the people never so unpatient;  
he sitteth between the cherubims; be the earth never so unquiet.
- 2 The Lord is great in Sion,  
and high above all people.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name,  
which is great, wonderful, and holy.
- 4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity,  
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the Lord our God,  
and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name:  
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar;  
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God;  
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
- 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is holy.

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

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. 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.<sup>17</sup> For 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,"<sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.<sup>19</sup> And 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,<sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.<sup>21</sup> For 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.**

## CANTICLE: TE DEUM (COLLEGIUM REGALE) Herbert Howells

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

We praise thee O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud;  
    the Heavens and all the Powers therein;  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,  
    Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
    Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
    The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
    Thine honorable, true, and only Son;  
    Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou took'st upon thee to deliver man,  
    thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
    thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
    whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints,  
    in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
    And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

*-Book of Common Prayer*

In 1941, Herbert Howells (1892-1983) became acting organist at St. John's College, Cambridge, and shortly thereafter wrote his *Collegium Regale Morning* (1944) and *Evening* (1945) services for King's College, Cambridge. They had immediate success, and the Dean of King's College wrote to Howells: "You have opened a wholly new chapter in church music. Of spiritual moment rather than liturgical. It is so much more than music-making; it is experiencing deep things in the only medium that can do it." The *Te Deum* and *Jubilate Deo* are the canticles traditionally sung at Choral Matins. We are honored to welcome James O'Donnell as our guest conductor this morning.

## 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. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And 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.” <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>And 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.**

JUBILATE DEO (COLLEGIUM REGALE)

Herbert Howells

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

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 ourselves;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
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 everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*-Psalm 100*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## THE SERMON

Vice Dean Murray

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.**

## THE RESPONSES

Bernard Rose

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

Precentor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Precentor: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

Precentor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.  
Precentor: O Lord, save the State.  
*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Precentor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
Precentor: O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.  
Precentor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
Precentor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## 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.**

## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE WELCOME

### ANTHEM

Jonathan Dove

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 chaines, 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.

## 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 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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*by Craig Boudreaux and Scott Boudreaux*

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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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