



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

MARCH 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

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

4th Grade – Room 307

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5th Grade – Room 310

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6th Grade – Room 306

1st Grade – Room 214

7th-8th Grade – The Undercroft

2nd Grade – Room 216

9th-12th Grade – Lower Morton Meeting Room

3rd Grade – Room 218

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) – *The Shape of Matthew's Gospel* – Dean Pinter

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Repentance and Belief* – Rita Wright

Foundations of Faith (Living Room) – *Receiving the Gospel* – Gil Kracke

A Christian Response to Evil (Lower School Library) – *Our Response* – Dennis Sansom

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Raising Families: What if My Child Isn't on a School Team?*
– Tara Davis and Gunter Owens

VOLUNTARY

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656
(O Lamb of God, Innocent)

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 401

Leoni

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
-Mark 8:34

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.

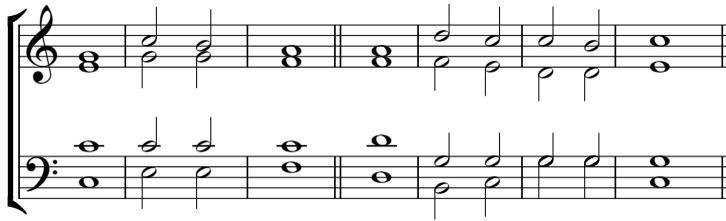
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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: VENITE WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

Richard Goodson



Choral Antiphon: *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: 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 121

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
 - 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
 - 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 - 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 - 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 - 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
 - 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
 - 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 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 BOOK OF GENESIS.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. (12:1-4a)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

CANTICLE: THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

Mason Martens

CANTOR SINGS REFRAIN, THEN ALL REPEAT.



Seek the Lord while he wills to be found,
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their way,
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon. **Refrain**

For my thoughts are not thy thoughts,
nor thy ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than thy ways,
and my thoughts than thy thoughts. **Refrain**

For as the rain and snow fall from the heavens,
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life, and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth:
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it. **Refrain**

-Isaiah 55:6-11

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (3:1-17)

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. 150

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THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Fagan

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 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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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

ANTHEM

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

-John 3:16-17

John Stainer (1840-1901) composed the anthem *God So Loved the World* in 1887 as part of his oratorio *The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer*. This work is the most popular choral setting of John 3:16, and remains one of the most famous works in the sacred choral repertory.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

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**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. 636

Foundation

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Christe, aller Welt Trost, BWV 670
(Christ, Comfort to All the World)

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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