



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

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

MARCH 22, 2026

*The Fifth 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.



## 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) – *A Grace-Full Conversation* – John Barclay and Dean Pinter

**20s and 30s Class** (Lower School Library) – *How Do Sunday Mornings Get to the Heart of Things?: Diagnosing the Heart* – Will Fagan

## VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude, Set 2, No. 1

Herbert Howells

“Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.” -*Psalm 130:1*

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 458

*Love Unknown*

## 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.

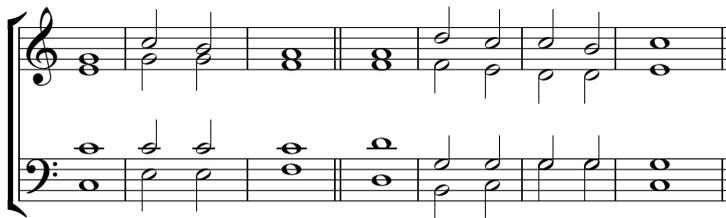
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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 130

*Anglican Chant:* Charles Macpherson

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord;  
    Lord, hear my voice.
  - 2 O let thine ears consider well  
    the voice of my complaint.
  - 3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,  
    O Lord, who may abide it?
  - 4 For there is mercy with thee;  
    therefore shalt thou be feared.
  - 5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him;  
    in his word is my trust.
  - 6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord:  
    before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
  - 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy,  
    and with him is plenteous redemption.
  - 8 And he shall redeem Israel  
    from all his sins.
- 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 BOOK OF EZEKIEL.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.<sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.<sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover



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 a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to Jesus, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may

believe. But let us go to him.”<sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.<sup>34</sup> And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips,

and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him. (11:1-45)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 508

*Nova Vita*

THE SERMON

Canon Pinter

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 PRAYERS

### 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 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECTS

*pages 56-57*

## 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

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:  
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;  
Teach me that only love maketh glad.  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;  
Be this the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;  
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

*-Edith Williams*

The music of *Jesus, So Lowly* was composed by Harold Friedell (1905-1958), who served at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York, as well as composing the anthem *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*. The text of this anthem speaks to the journey that Lent takes us on, as we look to the path Jesus took, suffering death on the cross to rise victorious over sin and death.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE GREENERY IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Edna Bate Pearce

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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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