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Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Week of April 5, 2026



News & Events

Sunday of the Resurrection: Happy Easter!

Easter is this Sunday, April 5, and we're looking forward to seeing you and your family and friends as we celebrate our risen savior Jesus Christ! We will hold Holy Communion services at 7:00 a.m. (not 7:30), 9:00 a.m. in the Nave, 9:00 a.m. in the Refectory, and 11:00 a.m.

The Cathedral Choir, organ, brass, and timpani will lead music at the 7:00, 9:00 Nave, and 11:00 services. Our band will lead music at the 9:00 Refectory service. We will livestream the 9:00 Nave service and the 11:00 service.

Information on the Nursery and children's Sunday School is at the bottom of this page and on page 2.

Mary Ann McCarty to Be Ordained as Deacon April 12

Mary Ann McCarty will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Sunday, April 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Advent. We will hold a reception for Mary Ann in Clingman Commons following the service. All Adventers are invited to attend the service and reception. See page 2 for more information.



A Word from the Dean

As we enter the Easter season, the words I find most resonant are from the Old Testament, from no less than the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah is not the cheeriest of the prophets, though cheery and prophet are not words that readily join themselves. He prophesies during a time of exile and all that exile brings: violence, displacement, longing, regret, uncertainty in the present and the future. Exile forces the big questions – who is God, who am I, how do I make my way in the world?

I continue to contend that one of the effects of sin is our experience of exile wherever we are, strangers in a strange land even at home. We are, as Sting would sing, sending out an SOS, looking for a home: "Walked out this morning, don't believe what I saw, a hundred billion bottles washed up on the shore, seems I'm not alone in being alone, a hundred billion castaways looking for a home."

Which brings me to Jeremiah and the words we will hear on Easter Day. The word is a restorative word, Jeremiah speaking to those who survived the sword and found grace in the wilderness, rest when the Lord appeared from far away. Jeremiah writes of God's word to exiles, castaways, senders of SOS's: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built..." (Jeremiah 31:3-4).

Jesus, our rescuer, deliverer, answerer of SOS's, is the sign, the fulfillment of God's faithfulness to love us with an everlasting love; he is our builder and life giver. We're not alone. In the cross and resurrection God loves us with an everlasting love. There is grace in whatever wilderness or exile we find ourselves; in the worst of times, the best of times, we are home in him. God is faithful to love us with an everlasting love, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is risen and gathering us, whose restorative word is the final word. Alleluia, Christ is risen.

- Craig

"I have loved you with an everlasting love."

- Jeremiah 31:3

This Sunday:

April 5, 2026

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Nave. Preacher: Dean Smalley

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Canon Young

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Dean Smalley

We will livestream the 9:00 a.m. Nave service and the 11:00 a.m. service.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, YouTube, or Facebook Live to access our stream.

Adult Education:

Adult classes will not meet this Sunday, April 5.

Regular classes will resume next Sunday, April 12.

Children's & Youth Education:

On Easter, children in 3K and 4K will meet for classes at 9:00 a.m. as usual. Children in Kindergarten and older will remain in church with their parents for the entire service; their classes will not meet.

The Nursery will be available for children ages 5 years and younger at the 7:00 a.m. service; for the Infants, Toddlers, and 2s classes at 9:00 a.m.; and for children ages 5 years and younger at the 11:00 a.m. service.



GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!



education

Children's Ministry

For Children on Easter

Children and their parents may flower the cross and leave their Lenten offerings in Clingman Commons upon arriving before any service on Easter. Please try to find a flower with a sturdy stem. Extra flowers will be available as needed.

Children in 3K and 4K will meet for classes at 9:00 a.m. as usual. Children can be picked up at their regular classrooms (Rooms 104 and 105) at the conclusion of the 9:00 services.

Children and youth in Kindergarten and older will attend the entire 9:00 service; their classes will not meet.

We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with your children! For more information, contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com).



serving & outreach

Advent Inreach

Volunteers Needed to Deliver Lilies on Easter



We need volunteers to deliver Easter lilies to our parishioners who may not be able to attend services. The lilies and easy-to-follow directions can be picked up following the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter, this Sunday, April 5, and then delivered any time that day. You do not have to make your delivery immediately following the service. This is a wonderful way to meet other parishioners and to share the good

news of Easter! To volunteer or for more information, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).



spiritual growth & fellowship

Caregivers Support Group

Lunch Gathering April 10

Caregivers are invited to a monthly lunch with others who have been impacted by the demands of caring for a loved one. The next gathering will be Friday, April 10, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). You are welcome whether you are a full-time caregiver or you are just beginning to experience changes in your life due to the health of a family member. To RSVP or for details, contact Robin Turner (Robin@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3500).

Mary Ann McCarty's Ordination as Deacon Set for April 12

Bishop Glenda Curry will ordain Mary Ann McCarty to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Sunday, April 12, 5:00 p.m. at the Advent. We will hold a reception for Mary Ann in Clingman Commons following the service. All Adventers are invited to attend the service and reception.

A native of Mississippi, Mary Ann joined the Advent staff in 2022, serving first as Girls Youth Director and then as Director of Youth Ministry. Please join us in praying for her as she takes the next step in her ministry.

Subscribe to Our Email Lists

The Advent uses several email lists to communicate with parishioners quickly about various news and events. You can sign up for any of these four lists at AdventBirmingham.org/Subscribe. On that page, click the "Subscribe" button to receive Parish-Wide News, Email *Adventurer*, Women of the Advent, and/or Pastoral Care Notices, which share news of births and deaths in and close to our parish.



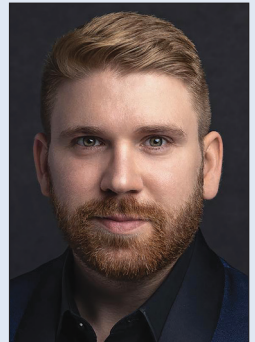
making music

Midday Music

Season to Conclude with Music for Voice, Horn, and Piano

Our 2025-2026 Midday Music series will conclude on Friday, April 17, at noon, with a concert in Clingman Commons by David Tayloe, tenor; Valerie Sly, horn; and Kevin Chance, piano. Their program will feature music of English composer Benjamin Britten, written for the special combination of tenor, horn, and piano.

David (*photo right*), praised as a "lovely tenor that sings with Mozartean finesse," is active as a recitalist in the United States and the UK, and has served as Associate Professor of Voice at the University of Alabama since 2014. Valerie is Principal Horn of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and teaches at Samford University and the Alabama School of Fine Arts. Kevin is Assistant Professor of Piano and Chair of Piano Studies at the University of Alabama.



All are cordially invited to this free, 30-minute performance. The concert will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and at AdventBirmingham.org/Live, and be made available for later listening at any time. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear beautiful music performed by three of the area's finest musicians!

[Jesus prayed to the Father] "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent [those you have given me] into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19



spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry



Sabbath Saturday Hike April 11

Women's Ministry's annual Sabbath Saturday will happen on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Birmingham's beautiful Red Mountain Park (2011 Frankfurt Drive, 35211).

Join us for this great Eastertide tradition! Julie Ogard will lead us with Scripture readings, reflections, and prayer. Thoughtfully charted by Dorothy White, our trail will be navigable for most, although large tree roots and rocks might make it more difficult for some. End Easter Week with a day of fellowship and a one-mile walk through this scenic woodland.

Be sure to sign up so you receive necessary updates or changes. Register through your Realm account or at AdventBirmingham.org/Women. Contact Leslie Housman (Leslie@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-226-3511) with questions.



servicing & outreach

Lenten Lunches

Table Centerpieces on Sale April 12

Healthy Pothos plants used in Lenten Lunches' centerpieces will be on sale Sunday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons. The cost per plant is \$10 (cash or check only) with proceeds benefiting Restoration Academy, Maranathan Academy, and Lovelady Center. Contact Hallie Rawls (205-870-0022) for more information.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going through the Advent House Prayer Ministry. To schedule a prayer session at Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205), call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.



worship

Lectionary

Sunday, April 5

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18



education

Children's Sunday School



Above: 4K friends enjoy fellowship time on the playground before their Sunday School class.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her. - John 20:17-18

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Hugh Browning Thornton, Jr.: (Mission and Outreach) Mabry and Jeanne Rogers; Frank and Kathie Taylor • (Endowment Fund) by Jane Goings; Lisa and Charlie Miller

In Honor of Lisa Yeager: (Mission and Outreach) by Charles and Liz Scribner

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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry, Bishop of Alabama

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transitions:

Death: John Barratt Rudolph, Jr., on March 20

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Andrew Burton DeAtkine: (Endowment Fund) by Bruce and Ida Dunbar; Kess Fabian; Carol and Jimmy Fuller • (Mission and Outreach) by Mabry and Jeanne Rogers

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 5 Easter Day Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Nave), 9:00 a.m. (Refectory), and 11:00 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10 Caregivers Support Lunch - Cranmer House - noon	11 Women's Sabbath Saturday - 2011 Frankfurt Drive - 9:00 a.m.
Apr 12 Regular worship schedule Mary Ann McCarty Ordination - Nave - 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	16	17 Midday Music - Clingman Commons - noon	18

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-226-3500.