



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



NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

APRIL 12, 2026

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

Holy Baptism

# 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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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

3K – Room 104

4K – Room 105

Kindergarten – Room 213

1st Grade – Room 214

2nd Grade – Nave

3rd Grade – Room 218

4th Grade – Room 307

5th Grade – Room 310

6th Grade – Room 306

7th-8th – Lower Morton Meeting Room

9th-12th – The Undercroft

## 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) – *Unto the Ends of the Earth: The Gospel at Work in Japan – Reflections by Our Students*

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Prayer* – Will Fagan

**Biblical "Barrenness"** (Assembly Hall) – *A New Hope* – Derrill McDavid

**Why Am I a Christian?: Challenges and Reasons for Believing** (Chapter Room) – Bill Wortman

# MORNING PRAYER

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VOLUNTARY

O filii et filiae  
(O Sons and Daughters)

Jean-François Dandrieu

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 208

*Victory*

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit,

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 PEOPLE SIT.

## A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PETER.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1:3-9)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 209

*St. Botolph*

# THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

**People:     Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (20:19-31)

Reader:     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:     Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

*Children to be baptized:*

Evelyn James Carter, daughter of Brooke and Tyler

Albert "Tripp" Whiting Copeland, III, son of Adelaide and Albert

Ann Ashford Clapp, daughter of Lee Ashford and Brandon

Althea "Thea" Stuart Hurt, daughter of Franny and Tucker

Charlotte "Lottie" Shepherd Nelson, daughter of Kate Wells and Wayne

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and

Godparents: I present [*name*] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

WHEN ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and

Godparents: I will, with God's help.

THE CELEBRANT ASKS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS, ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATES:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, THE CELEBRANT ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION, SAYING:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Celebrant: Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Celebrant: Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AT THE FOLLOWING WORDS, THE CELEBRANT TOUCHES THE WATER.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

EACH CANDIDATE IS PRESENTED BY NAME TO THE CELEBRANT, WHO THEN IMMERSSES, OR POURS WATER UPON, THE CANDIDATE, SAYING:

Celebrant: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

THEN THE CELEBRANT PLACES A HAND ON THE PERSON'S HEAD, MARKING ON THE FOREHEAD THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND SAYING TO EACH ONE:

Celebrant: *[Name]*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

WHEN THIS ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ALL CANDIDATES, THE CELEBRANT, AT A PLACE IN FULL SIGHT OF THE CONGREGATION, PRAYS OVER THEM, SAYING:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

THEN THE CELEBRANT SAYS:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All:**       **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:**   **And with thy spirit.**

HYMN NO. 708

*Sicilian Mariners*

THE PEOPLE SIT.

# THE WELCOME AND BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE 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. 296

*Engelberg*

THE SERMON

Canon Young

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forevermore. Amen.

*-1 Peter 1:3-5, 15-17, 22-25*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) was the grandson of hymn author Charles Wesley, and greatly aided in rebuilding the cathedral choir tradition in the 19th century, when cathedrals suffering from lack of funds had very few boys and sometimes no men in their choirs. One of Wesley's most famous works, *Blessed Be the God and Father*, is a joyful Easter anthem, taking its text directly from our first lesson this morning. It is believed that, since Wesley had no men in his choir at Hereford Cathedral, the long solo lines sung by the basses were actually sung by the Dean's butler.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

**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 PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 180

*Unser Herrscher*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *O filii et filiae*

Lynnwood Farnam

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Mary and Robert Harbin

*by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harbin, Sr.*

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Lila Banks Everette

*by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Everette, III*

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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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