



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



ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
APRIL 12, 2026  
*The Second Sunday of Easter*  
Holy Communion

# 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) – *Unto the Ends of the Earth: The Gospel at Work in Japan* –  
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**Why Am I a Christian?: Challenges and Reasons for Believing** (Chapter Room) – Bill Wortman

THE WORD OF GOD

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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*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

# GLORIA

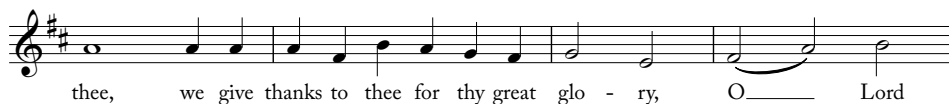
Healey Willan



Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy



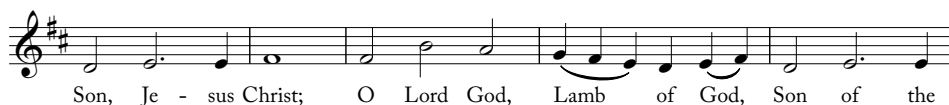
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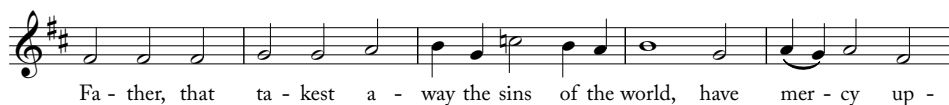
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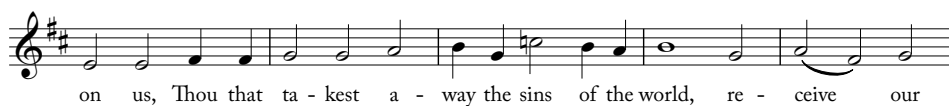
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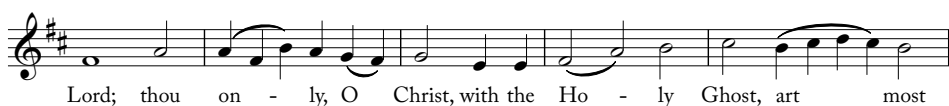
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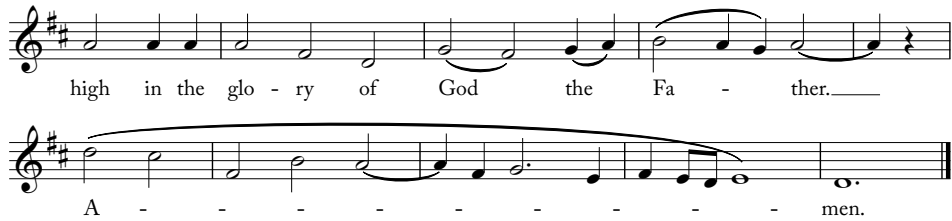
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mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on-ly art the



Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

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

*Anglican Chant: William Henry Havergal*

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 Preserve me, O God;  
for in thee have I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord,  
Thou art my God; my goods are nothing unto thee.
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth,  
and upon such as excel in virtue.
- 4 But they that run after another god  
shall have great trouble.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,  
neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup;  
thou shalt maintain my lot.
- 7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground;  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning;  
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
- 9 I have set God always before me;  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiced:  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- 11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;  
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
- 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy,  
and at thy right hand there is pleasure 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 SERMON

Mary Ann McCarty

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*-Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*-John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*-1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

*-1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## THE PEACE

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE WELCOME AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

# ANTHEM

Henry Walford Davies

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters let us sing,  
The King of Heav'n the glorious King,  
O'er death today rose triumphing.  
Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat and spoke unto the three,  
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee."  
Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear  
And said, "My peace be on all here."  
Alleluia!

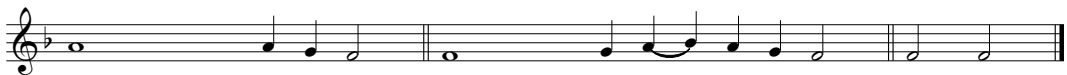
How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith hath constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

On this most Holy Day of Days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*-Jean Tisserand, tr. John Mason Neale*

Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941) composed this extended hymn-anthem *O Sons and Daughters*, based on the Easter hymn *O filii et filiae* (Hymnal No. 206) – a traditional Latin hymn associated with today's "doubting Thomas" Gospel reading.

THE PEOPLE STAND.



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv - en thee. A - men.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. [*A proper preface is added here.*] Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE PEOPLE SING:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PEOPLE KNEEL OR SIT, AS THE CELEBRANT CONTINUES WITH THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## 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.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER IS AVAILABLE IN THE REAR OF THE NAVE.

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion. You may receive at the rail or one of the stations. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms across your chest after receiving the bread. To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup or dip the bread in the small vessel inside the cup. (If you are not baptized but would like to be, please see one of the ministers following the service.)*

## 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.

Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## 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. 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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