



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

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ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
APRIL 19, 2026  
*The Third 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) – *Jesus I Love, but Paul I'm Not So Sure:*

*The Harmony of Redemption in the New Testament* – Jason Wallace

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

– Bill Wortman

**The Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Fellowship and Gathering* – Leslie Housman

**Our Hide-and-Seek God** (Lower School Library) – Jay Gardner

**The Love of Christ Compels Us** (Living Room) – Adam Young

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *Grandparents and the Gospel* – Jen Green and Will Fagan

THE WORD OF GOD

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VOLUNTARY

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627  
(Christ Is Arisen)

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 182

*Truro*

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

thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord

God, heaven - ly King. God the Fa - ther Al -

migh - - - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten

Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

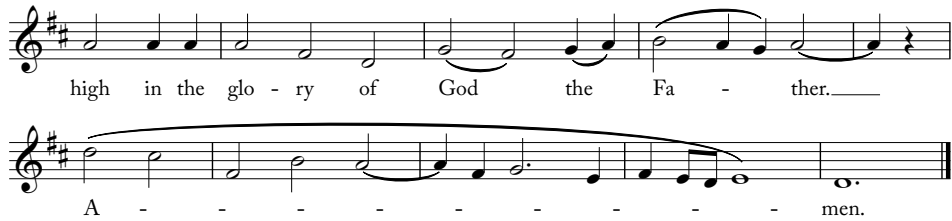
Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us, Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our

prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have

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.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. (1:17-23)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 I am well pleased:  
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;
- 2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me;  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
- 3 The snares of death compassed me round about,  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
- 4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord:  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
- 11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
- 12 I will receive the cup of salvation,  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people:  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- 14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant;  
am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid;  
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
- 15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house;  
even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 483

*St. Magnus*

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

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

That very day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

<sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

<sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation

that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. (24:13-35)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Dean Smalley

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

## MOTET

*Abendlied*, Op. 69, No. 3

Josef Rheinberger

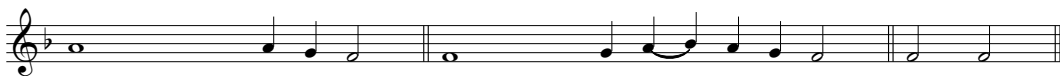
Bleib bei uns,  
denn es will Abend werden,  
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

*Stay with us,  
for it is toward evening,  
and the day is now far spent.*

*-Luke 24:29*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901), born in Lichtenstein, wrote a number of sacred choral works, and his style is very similar to that of the more famous composer Johannes Brahms. *Abendlied*, which means “Evening Song”, takes its text from Luke’s Gospel. The context for the passage is the two disciples’ encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus, before they recognized him.

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.)*

## MOTET

Lodovico da Viadana

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur,  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus,  
mens impletur gratia,  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed in us,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.  
Alleluia.*

*-Thomas Aquinas*

Lodovico da Viadana (c.1560-1627) grew up in the village of Viadana near Parma, and like other Italian composers of the period (e.g. Palestrina), assumed the town's name as part of his own. His sacred works were inspired by his participation in religious orders as well as his musical activity at various Italian cathedrals, including Mantua. *O sacrum convivium* conveys the reverence of its Eucharistic text written by Thomas Aquinas by the serenity of its opening section. This is followed by a short section in triple meter at the words "mens impletur gratia", and the motet ends with a joyful statement of "Alleluia." In the context of our Gospel passage this morning, the sacred feast is in how Christ is revealed to the disciples through the breaking of bread.

## HYMN NO. 306

*Sursum Corda*

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. 205

*Gelobt sei Gott*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*

Healey Willan

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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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