



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



NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

APRIL 26, 2026

*The Fourth 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.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

3K – Room 104

2nd Grade – Room 216

6th Grade – Room 306

4K – Room 105

3rd Grade – Room 218

7th-8th Grade – The Undercroft

Kindergarten – Room 213

4th Grade – Room 307

9th-12th Grade – Lower Morton

1st Grade – Room 214

5th Grade – Chapel

## 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) – *Christ at the Center: Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Introduction)*  
– Dean Pinter

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

**The Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Why We Do What We Do: Our Worship and Liturgy* – Adam Young

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

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *Grandparents and the Gospel* – Rita and Drew Wright

TO GIVE ONLINE



THE WORD OF GOD

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VOLUNTARIES

Prelude on *St. Columba*  
Prelude on *Dominus regit me*

Healey Willan

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 518

*Westminster Abbey*

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.

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (2:42-47)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 (KJV)

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not want.**

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3 He restoreth my soul; \*

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*

**for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*

**thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

KINDERGARTEN-3RD GRADERS 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.

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

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

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.<sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.<sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.<sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.<sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.<sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (10:1-10)

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



## 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

Malcolm Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,  
and unto thee shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem.  
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.  
Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receivest unto thee.  
He shall dwell in thy courts  
and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,  
e'en of thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on thee.  
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in thee.  
Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise thee, O God,  
yea, let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:  
and God shall give us his blessing.

*-Psalm 65:1,2,4; Isaiah 26:3,4; Psalm 67:3,6*

Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976) was organist at Chester Cathedral. His anthem, *Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion*, received its most notable performance at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, during the ceremony of the Knights of the Garter as a part of the celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. This festival anthem features a grand organ accompaniment and the full range of quiet solo treble lines to fortissimo six-part harmony. The text is from Psalm 65:1-2, 4; Isaiah 26:3-4 and Psalm 67:3, 6.

HYMN NO. 663

*Crimond*

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. 708

*Sicilian Mariners*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## VOLUNTARY

Charles Villiers Stanford

At Eastertide, from *Six Occasional Preludes*, Op. 182, No. 3

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

Sydney Page Brewer  
*by Linda and Kathleen Brewer*

Harold (Bitsy) Doss  
Annie Laurie Cobb Leonard  
Charles Edmund Leonard  
Carole Leonard Sweet  
*by Elise Doss*

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Mr. and Mrs. James Coulbourne Smith  
*by their Family*

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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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