



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



ELEVEN O'CLOCK
APRIL 26, 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer

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.

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



MORNING PRAYER

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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

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

-*Psalm 118:24*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

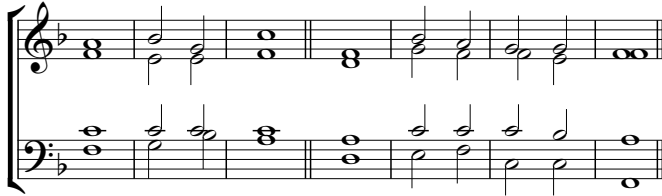
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

INVITATORY: JUBILATE DEO WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

William Russell



Choral Antiphon: *Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him.*

O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands;

serve the Lord with gladness * and come before his | presence | with a | song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; * it is he that hath made us and not | we our|selves;

we are his people and the | sheep of • his | pas|ture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving * and into his | courts with | praise;

be thankful unto him and | speak | good of • his | Name.

For the Lord is gracious; * his mercy is | ever|lasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to | gene|ra|tion.

-Psalm 100

THE PEOPLE SIT.

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth 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 comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

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. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising 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.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

E. Stanley Roper



Splendor and honor and | kingly | power
are yours by | right, O | Lord our | God.
For you created | every•thing that | is,
and by your will they were cre|ated • and | have their | being;
And yours by right, O | Lamb that • was | slain,
for with your | blood you • have re|deemed for | God.
From every family, language, | people • and | nation,
a kingdom of | priests to | serve our | God.
And so to him who sits up|on the | throne,
– | and to | Christ the | Lamb.
Be worship and praise, do|minion • and | splendor,
for | ever • and for | ever | more.

-Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

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.² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go

in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The 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 Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 645

St. Columba

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Fagan

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE PRAYERS

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.

SUFFRAGES

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;

People: Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 COLLECTS

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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

THE WELCOME AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MOTET

Giovanni Matteo Asola

Surrexit pastor bonus
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis,
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est.
Alleluia.

Et stetit in medio discipulorum suorum et dixit: pax vobis.
Gavisi sunt discipuli viso Domino.
Alleluia.

*The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and for his flock deigned to die.
Alleluia.*

*And stood in the midst of his disciples and said: Peace be with you.
The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.*

-Matins Responsory for Easter Monday, based on John 10:11

Giovanni Matteo Asola (c. 1532-1609) was an Italian Renaissance composer of sacred music. Despite being from Verona and living the latter part of his life in Venice (both of which are in northern Italy), his musical style resonates more with Roman composers such as Palestrina than northern composers like the Gabriellis. His setting of *Surrexit pastor bonus* is effective, shifting from homophony (where all voices move together and sing text simultaneously) to polyphony (where the voices have separate melodic and rhythmic lines) in order to highlight certain portions of the text.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**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 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

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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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