



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

MAY 3, 2026

The Fifth 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.

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 – Room 310

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 (1:1-30)*
– Jay Gardner

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *"I'm New Here: Where Is Everything?"*
A Tour of the Advent – Fontaine Pope

No Cleverly Devised Myths (Living Room) – *Canaan, Carthage, and the Defeat of Baal*
– Wilson Hunter

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Grandparents and the Gospel* – Mary and Paul Zahl

TO GIVE ONLINE



VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todesbanden
(Christ Lay in Death's Bonds)

Georg Böhm

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 525

Aurelia

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.

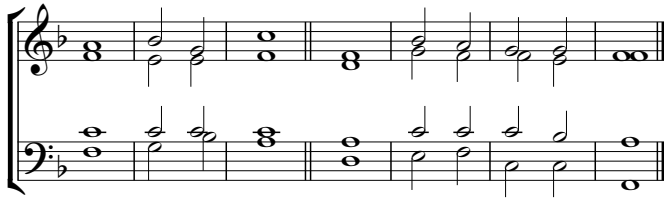
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”
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.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (7:55-60)

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, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father

who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” (14:1-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

HYMN NO. 457

St. James

THE SERMON

Canon Gardner

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 PEOPLE KNEEL.

THE PRAYERS

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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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life!
 Such a Way, as gives us breath,
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife,
 Such a Life, as killeth death!

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength!
 Such a Light, as shows a feast,
 Such a Feast, as mends in length,
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
 Such a Joy, as none can move,
 Such a Love, as none can part,
 Such a Heart, as joys in love!

-*George Herbert*

English composer Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950) wrote this simple yet effective setting of George Herbert's *The Call*. The text is a poem written by George Herbert (1593-1633) and included in his collection *The Temple: Sacred Poems*. It is a poetic response to the Gospel passage "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6), beckoning Christ to enter our lives.

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. 699

Aberystwyth

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 Johann Sebastian Bach
(Today the Son of God Triumphs)

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

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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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