



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



ELEVEN O'CLOCK
MAY 17, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion and Confirmation

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 will not meet today due to Confirmation.

Classes will resume next Sunday, May 24.

TO GIVE ONLINE



VISITOR'S CARD



THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 410

Lauda anima

OPENING SENTENCES

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Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (1:6-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1 - 10, 32 - 35

Anglican Chants: William Crotch and Henry Smart

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let them also that hate him flee before him.
- 2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away;
and like as wax melteth at the fire,
so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name;
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse;
praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.
- 5 He is the Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows;
even God in his holy habitation.
- 6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,
and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity;
but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
- 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people;
when thou wentest through the wilderness;
- 8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God;
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
who is the God of Israel.
- 9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance,
and refreshedst it when it was weary.
- 10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein;
for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.
- 32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praises unto the Lord;
- 33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the beginning:
lo, he doth send out his voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel;
his worship and strength is in the clouds.
- 35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places:
even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people.
Blessed be God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 513

Bridegroom

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one." (17:1-11)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Bishop Curry

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

THE CANDIDATES STAND.

Presenter: I present these persons for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED, THE BISHOP ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION, SAYING:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

THE BISHOP THEN SAYS TO THE CONGREGATION:

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

THEN THE BISHOP SAYS:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

AFTER THE BISHOP HAS LAID HANDS UPON EACH CONFIRMAND AND PRAYED, THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH, "AMEN."

AFTER PRAYING FOR EACH CANDIDATE, THE BISHOP CONCLUDES WITH THIS PRAYER:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

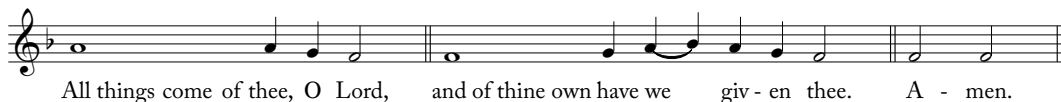
ANTHEM

Patrick Hadley

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flow'rs appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
-Song of Solomon 2:10-13

My Beloved Spake, set by Patrick Hadley (1899-1973), is taken from the Song of Solomon. The colorful quality of the music (originally written for orchestra) appropriately expresses this vivid Scriptural passage.

THE PEOPLE STAND.



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

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

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

-Percy Dearmer

The music of *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*, composed by Harold Friedell (1905-1958), is also known by the hymn tune Union Seminary, named for Union Theological Seminary, where Friedell taught on the faculty of the School of Sacred Music. The text speaks of discipleship through the work of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN NO. 505

O heiliger Geist

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. 511

Abbott's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667 Johann Sebastian Bach
(Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost)

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ADULT CONFIRMATION 2026

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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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