



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

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NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Refectory*

JUNE 28, 2026

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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 scan the QR code below. We look forward to connecting with you this week.

The Lord be with you.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

Rising 4K-Kindergarten – Room 103

Rising 1st-3rd Grade – Room 213

Rising 4th-6th Grade – Room 218

Rising 7th-12th Grade – Youth Ministry Office

## 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) – *The Faith Once for All Delivered: Twenty Centuries in Four Sundays (The Modern Church)* – Jason Wallace

**Jesus, Remember Me** (Chapter Room) – Gil Kracke

TO GIVE ONLINE



VISITOR'S CARD



## PRELUDE

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## SONG

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;*

*Worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;*

*I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore. *Refrain*

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**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 SIT.

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."<sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.<sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.<sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."<sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.<sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"<sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.<sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” (22:1-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 13

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? \*  
**how long will you hide your face from me?**
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
**give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**
- 4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” \*  
**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
**my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
**I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

RISING 1ST–3RD GRADERS CAN DEPART FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH DURING THE SINGING OF THIS SONG.  
CHILDREN SHOULD WALK DIRECTLY TO THE GYM TO MEET THEIR TEACHERS.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## SONG

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
Every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only all for thee,  
Ever, only all for thee.

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." (10:40-42)

Reader:     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

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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 SIT.

## 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

### AT THE OFFERTORY

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Words and Music: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

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 HOLY COMMUNION

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:

<b>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</b>	<b>Hosanna in the highest.</b>
<b>God of power and might;</b>	<b>Hosanna in the highest.</b>
<b>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</b>	<b>Blessed is he who comes</b>
<b>God of power and might.</b>	<b>in the name of the Lord.</b>
<b>Heaven and earth are full,</b>	<b>Hosanna in the highest.</b>
<b>full of your glory.</b>	<b>Hosanna in the highest.</b>

THE PEOPLE 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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, 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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion. 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.)*

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
 In the dawning of the King.  
 He the theme of heaven's praises  
 Robed in frail humanity.  
 In our longing, in our darkness,  
 Now the light of life has come.  
 Look to Christ who condescended,  
 Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
 He the perfect Son of Man.  
 In his living, in his suff'ring,  
 Never trace nor stain of sin.  
 See the true and better Adam  
 Come to save the hell-bound man.  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
 Of the law in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
 Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
 In the stead of ruined sinners  
 Hangs the Lamb in victory.  
 See the price of our redemption,  
 See the Father's plan unfold;  
 Bringing many sons to glory  
 Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,  
 Slain by death the God of life.  
 But no grave could e'er restrain him,  
 Praise the Lord! He is alive.  
 What a foretaste of deliv'rance,  
 How unwavering our hope.  
 Christ in power, resurrected,  
 As we will be when he comes.

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Let us pray.

**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.**

*Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy.  
 May redemption be the theme of our song.  
 For by grace we have been saved,  
 And by grace we shall proclaim  
 To the corners of the earth that Christ has come.*

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice,  
 For salvation belongs to our God.  
 Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,  
 For salvation belongs to our God.  
 Let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,  
 Many saints and martyrs conquered, tho' they died.  
 Still we're holding out the cross,  
 Crossing oceans, suff'ring loss,  
 Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's pow'r  
 With the glories of the gospel to explain.  
 Now we pray your kingdom come,  
 And we pray your will be done  
 For the honor and the glory of your name. *Refrain*

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## CLERGY

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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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