



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Refectory

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Lord be with you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

4K – Room 106

Kindergarten–3rd Grade – The Gym

4th–6th Grade – Room 307

7th–12th Grade – Youth Ministry Office

ADULT CLASS

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) – *A Few of Our Favorite Things: Red Harvest – Crime Fiction and the Gospel* – Jack Sharman

VISITOR'S CARD



TO GIVE ONLINE



MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer. *-Psalm 19:14*

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear:
Now to his altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who shall prosper our work and defend us;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
Sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him!

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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 with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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.**

SONG

Psalm 116 (I Love You Lord)

*I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered me.*

*I love you, Lord,
For you have delivered my soul from death,*

My feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the land of the living;

My soul from death, my feet from stumbling,

I will walk in the land of the living.

I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my cry;
I reached out my hand and you saved my life.

I will bless you, Lord, for you heard my plea;
And the God of heaven turned his ear to me.

I will bless you, Lord, for unending love;
For your grace and mercy, raining down from above.

And I will bless you, Lord, to the very end;

I will call on you as long as I may live.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 119:33-40

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.
- 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 EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (13:8-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

The First Song of Isaiah

*Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
From the springs of salvation,
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord.
And call upon his Name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples,
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
For he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
Is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

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SONG

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

Jesus said, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (18:15-20)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Vice Dean Murray

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.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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 WELCOME AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

AT THE OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.
We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.
I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We will find such harmony;
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.
Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

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**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.**

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.**

SONG

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me, what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn,
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ, our King,
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, his kingdom come,
On earth as is above;
Who is himself our daily bread,
Praise him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
All glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

When on the day the great I AM,
The Faithful and the True;
The Lamb, who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new,
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light,
And we shall e'er his people be,
All glory be to Christ! *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

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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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