



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

The Seventeenth 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 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 105

2nd Grade – Room 217

6th Grade – Room 310

4K – Room 106

3rd Grade – Room 218

7th-8th Grade – The Undercroft

Kindergarten – Room 213

4th Grade – Room 307

9th-12th Grade – Lower Morton Meeting Room

1st Grade – Room 214

5th Grade – Room 309

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) – *Who Am I?: Gospel Notes in 90s Alt-Rock* – Craig Smalley

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Repentance and Belief* – Rita Wright

Fellowship with God (Chapter Room) – *Jesus' Answer* – Mary Ann McCarty

Look to Christ (Living Room) – *The Son of Man, Lifted Up* – Gil Kracke

Bible 101 (Assembly Hall) – *David's Story (and others) (Ruth to Song of Solomon)* – Will Fagan and Adam Young

VISITOR'S CARD



TO GIVE ONLINE



VOLUNTARY

Lullaby, from *Suite No. 2*

Calvin Hampton

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 690

Cwm Rhondda

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

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: VENITE WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

Jack Noble White

Choral Antiphon: *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O come, let us adore him.*

THE PEOPLE SING:



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv-ing, and raise a loud shout to him with

psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king a-bove all gods.

In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold-ed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our ma- ker. For

he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his pas - ture and the

sheep of his hand. Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

-Psalm 95:1-7

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
 - 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
 - 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
 - 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
 - 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
 - 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
 - 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
 - 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
 - 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!
- 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 BOOK OF EXODUS.

The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt,⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.¹¹And the Lord said to Moses,¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.” (16:2-15)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

CANTICLE

Jack Noble White

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
 Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse

There - fore you shall draw wa-ter with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal-
 va - tion. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on his
 Name; Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ples.
 See that they re-mem-ber that his Name is ex - alt - ed. Sing the prai-ses of the
 Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry a -
 loud in - hab - it-tants of Zi - on. Ring out your joy, for the
 great one in the midst of you is the
 Ho - ly One of Is - rael. *(Refrain)*

Words: Book of Common Prayer (Isaiah 12:2-6) Music: Jack Noble White ©1976 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. CCLI #1620861

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.” (20:1-16)

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. 660

Maryton

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 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, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and 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

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

Brandon Essig

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Calvin Hampton

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
You are of God and earth the Son;
You will I cherish,
You will I honor,
You, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

-Muenster Gesangbuch, 1677

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) composed six hymn tunes for *The Hymnal 1982*. Though he did not compose the music that we normally sing *Fairest Lord Jesus* to (Hymnal No. 383), we hear the Choir sing his own choral setting of this beloved 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. 655

Nyland

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Solemn Procession, from *Suite No. 2*

Calvin Hampton

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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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