



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



ELEVEN O'CLOCK
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
The Eighteenth 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.

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) – *The Answer Is Given: Gospel Notes in 90s Alt-Rock* – Craig Smalley and Jay Gardner

The Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *The Lord's Supper* – Dean Pinter

Fellowship with God (Chapter Room) – *Heaven's Hope* – Mary Ann McCarty

20 and 30s Class (Lower School Library) – *Christ for You: Caught in the Undertow of Uncertainty* – Will Fagan and Gil Kracke

Bible 101 (Assembly Hall) – *God Making Himself Known (Isaiah to Malachi)* – Caroline Bass and Leslie Housman

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MORNING PRAYER

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VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Jesu dulcis memoria*

Charles Villiers Stanford

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 435

King's Weston

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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SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee:
O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord,
and teach me thy paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:
for thou art the God of my salvation;
in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies,
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth;
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord;
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement;
and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord,
be merciful unto my sin; for it is great.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (2:1-13)

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 - ants 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)*

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I will, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him." (21:23-32)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 483

St. Magnus

THE SERMON

Dean Smalley

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 PRAYERS

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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

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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

Madison Nye

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Amy Beach

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,
and was made in the likeness of men:
and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself,
and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him,
and given him a name which is above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
and that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

-Philippians 2:5-11

The American composer and pianist Amy Marcy Beach (1867-1944) was a pioneer, having been the first woman in America to compose and successfully publish an orchestral symphony: her *Gaelic Symphony* was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1896. Beach composed her anthem *Let This Mind Be in You*, Op. 105 in 1924, and features extensive bass and soprano solos. The text from Philippians 2 is cherished among many, and is set here in a lush and beautiful manner.

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. 450

Coronation

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Coronation*

Jean Langlais

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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