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Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Week of April 4, 2021



News & Events

Sunday of the Resurrection: Happy Easter!

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. The Advent will hold five Holy Communion services on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., and 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. The three morning services will be led musically by the Cathedral Choir and organ. The two afternoon services will be led by the Advent Birmingham band. Dean Pearson will preach at all services.

To attend in person, you must register at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster. The 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. services will be livestreamed. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our livestream. See page 2 for a detailed service schedule.



A Word from Canon Hicks

I have a concern about virtual church. It's been a lifeline. It's been a necessity. And for the majority of our people it continues to be so. But we need to be on our guard.

Screens and comment sections have a way of dragging in a host of cultural practices that are foreign to a biblical understanding of gathered worship. Screens have a way of cultivating passivity among the observer (how many of us merely *watch* the congregational singing but don't sing?). Comment sections have a way of cultivating an evaluative spirit in the worshiper (but prayers, hymns, anthems, and sermons aren't first to be evaluated, but received). And disembodied worship sure has created a serious difficulty for one of the central practices of Christian worship – the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Lord has certainly transcended the difficulties of these times by continuing to hold us together and send forth his powerful, nourishing word, and yet I wonder

whether we will all have to learn again to reuse our atrophied "worship muscles" as we all slowly move toward being together again. We may need to re-learn what it's like to sing with our whole selves, to pray publicly with vigor, to shake hands and hug each other, to run to (rather than distance from) the stranger, to come to the table without fear, to listen to sermons and offertory anthems not as consumers and evaluators, but as hungry souls in need of the grace and mercy of the gospel.

We're going to need a lot of grace for each other as we figure this out. We'll need to pray for the Spirit's power and fruit to serve God "not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service" – and particularly the service of *one another*. We will need open and honest hearts about how this time has shaped our habits negatively and traumatized our humanizing impulses adversely. I guess coming back from COVID will require the same thing always required of us – repentance. Thankfully, it will be the kindness of God that leads us there (Romans 2:4).

- Zac

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- Psalm 103:8

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Via Zoom April 5

All parishioners are invited to a gathering to pray for the Advent, to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, April 5, at 7:15 p.m. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/News to get the Zoom link. See page 2 for details.

This Sunday:

April 4, 2021

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Choir and Organ led)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Choir and Organ led)

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Choir and Organ led)

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion
(Band led)

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
(Band led)

Preacher: Dean Pearson

Worship Services on Easter:

You must register to attend an Easter service in person. Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster.

We will livestream the 9:00 a.m. service and the 5:00 p.m. service. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to access our livestream.

Adult Education:

Adult classes will not meet this Sunday, April 4. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 11.

Children's & Youth Education:

On Easter, children in Kindergarten and older will attend services with their families and will not have Sunday School. We will have Children's Programs for 3K and 4K at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. The Nursery will be available at all services except 7:00 a.m. (See the service schedule on page 2 for Nursery details.) Registration for the Children's Programs and Nursery is required through a link emailed by Tara Davis. Contact Tara (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information. Children's Sunday School video lessons continue to be available each week at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.



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Easter Services

Services on Easter Day, Sunday, April 4

7:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • No Nursery • Preacher: Dean Pearson

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-Twos • Children's Program for 3K and 4K • Preacher: Dean Pearson

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Music led by the Cathedral Choir and organ • Nursery for ages 18 months-Twos • Children's Program for 3K and 4K • Preacher: Dean Pearson

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Music led by the Advent Birmingham band • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K • Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Music led by the Advent Birmingham band • Service livestreamed on AdventBirmingham.org/Live • Nursery for ages 18 months-4K • Preacher: Dean Pearson

You must register to attend any of these services in person. Sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster.

Registration for the Nursery and the Children's Programs is required through a link emailed by Tara Davis. Contact Tara (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

You can see a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) at AdventBirmingham.org/HolyWeekAndEaster.



An Easter Tradition: Flowering the Cross

On Easter, we encourage children to bring flowers to adorn the cross on 20th Street near the steps into the Nave. Please try to find a flower with a sturdy stem. We ask that parents assist their children in flowering the cross before or after the services. Contact Tara Davis (Tara@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Receiving Communion on Easter

Upon arriving at an Easter service, worshipers will receive an individualized package containing a wafer and wine. At the appropriate time, the Officiant will direct everyone to receive Communion at their seats. We will not be going forward for Communion.

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 205-226-3500.

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Via Zoom April 5

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, April 5, at 7:15 p.m. Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. As Dean Pearson wrote about these gatherings, "If we are not on our knees, we are trying to do ministry in our own strength. We know that apart from the Lord Jesus we can do nothing."

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/News to get the Zoom link, and contact Margaret Pope (Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information. We hope you can join us.

Lectionary

Sunday, April 4: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8



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Advent House Prayer Ministry



Intercessory Prayer Is Available In Person or Via Zoom

As we turn to God, we pray on behalf of everyone who comes to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. Putting our trust and hope in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we pray together for Jesus' perfect healing – in his way and in his timing – that gives the light of life to all who come to him, whatever our circumstances or wherever we are in our Christian journey.

We are offering prayer sessions at the Advent House (2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205) and virtually via Zoom. At the present time a safety protocol of wearing face masks and physical distancing is in place. If you would like to schedule a prayer appointment, please contact Kathy Logue (205-410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). John 10:7-11

(Jesus prayed the Father) "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent (those you have given me) into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19



education

Children's Sunday School

Second Graders to Receive Bibles April 11

The Advent will present Bibles to our 2nd grade students Sunday, April 11, at 10:15 a.m. in the Nave. Children will receive the Adventure Bible (NIV), which is the Bible we recommend for 2nd-9th grades. We encourage parents to read this Bible with their children until they are ready to navigate, read, and comprehend it independently. We hope your family can attend this special event. Please confirm your attendance with Lucy Kate Green (LucyKate@CathedralAdvent.com).



Inquirers' Class

Interested in Membership? Come April 17

The Inquirers' Class is an adult education course that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but is designed particularly for newcomers to the Advent. Our next class will be Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at our off-site location, Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Lunch will be provided. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) to receive your lunch options.



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Tuesday-Morning Service

Praise Service Held Every Tuesday Morning

The Advent holds a 30-minute Praise Service on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Nave. This service offers us a midweek opportunity to reflect on God's word, pray for the needs of our city, and have fellowship with people from all walks of life. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing. Contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Ann Turner Hull: (Advent House) by Edmund and Kathleen Doss; Gray and Lee Thuston • (Music Discretionary Fund) by Richard and Ginny Anthony; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGahey; Nancy and Ricky Bromberg • (Mission and Outreach) by Mary Lea Nist • (Cathedral Choir Fund) by Charlotte S. Murdock • (Dean's Discretionary Fund) by Jack and Elizabeth Sharman; Marjorie Forney

In Honor of Hampton Yates: (Pastoral Care) by Charles Scribner
In Thanksgiving for Canon Craig Smalley and Stella Schreiber: (Pastoral Care) by Anonymous



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Youth Ministry

Jr. High Mystery Trip Set for July 13-15

All rising 7th-9th graders are invited to mark your calendars for July 13-15 when we will travel together to a place you'll find out about as soon as we get there! Cost is \$275, and financial help is available. Contact Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High Mystery Trip Returning July 20-22

The beloved Mystery Trip is back! All current 9th-12th graders are invited on this journey July 20-22. Where are we going? That's for us to know and you to find out. (We will let parents know our destination before we depart.) Cost is \$275, and financial assistance is available. Register at [Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com](http://AdventBirmingham.org>Youth. Contact Rebecca (<a href=)) for details.



bookstore

Bookstore Hours After Lent

The Advent Bookstore has announced its open hours beginning this Sunday, April 4, and running through May 30.

Sunday: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

Masks are required, and we maintain social distancing. Contact Ann Campbell (Ann@CathedralAdvent.com) with questions.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- Luke 24:1-12

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transitions:

Baptism: George Frederick Murthy, son of Sandeep and Elizabeth, on March 21

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Shirley Wood: (Endowment Fund) by David and Cathy Phares

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 4 Easter Day Holy Communion - Nave - 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.	5 Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting via Zoom - 7:15 p.m.	6 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	7 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	8 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	9	10
Apr 11 Morning Prayer - Nave - 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Adult Education - 10:15 a.m.	12	13 Praise Service - Nave - 8:00 a.m. Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	14 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	15 Bookstore Open - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	16	17 Inquirers' Class - Cranmer House - 9:00 a.m.

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