



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FIVE O'CLOCK
AUGUST 7, 2022
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Evening Prayer

Welcome to the Five O’Clock Service at the Advent.

No matter what brought you today, even if you don’t feel like you belong, we’re so glad you’re here. You’re exactly where you need to be. We pray that as our voices join together in word and song through this service, you might hear and receive God’s grace, through the freeing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Evening Prayer

This service is a modern expression of traditional Anglican worship. The focus is on hearing God’s Word and responding in both sung and said prayer. We hold services of Evening Prayer on first and third Sundays. All other Sundays we celebrate Holy Communion.

PRELUDE MUSIC

DURING THE PRELUDE, FEEL FREE TO SOCIALIZE AND GREET EACH OTHER.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

Come Thou Fount

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy praise;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace, how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day, when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Bring thy promises to pass;
For I know thy pow'r will keep me,
Till I'm home with thee at last.

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My hope is built on nothing less,
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
 All other ground is sinking sand.
 All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
 I rest on his unchanging grace.
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath his covenant his blood,
 Support me in the whelming flood.
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
 O may I then in him be found.
 Dressed in his righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

-Revelation 4:8

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

PHOS HILARON

**O joyful light,
from the pure glory of the eternal heavenly Father,
O holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**As we come to the setting of the sun
and see the evening light,
we give thanks and praise to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit of God.**

**Worthy are you at all times
to be sung with holy voices,
O Son of God, O giver of life,
and to be glorified through all creation.**

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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CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, kneeling in silence and confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL OR SIT, AND A PERIOD OF SILENCE IS KEPT.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, pardons and absolves you through Jesus Christ our Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed your transgressions from you, to remember your sins no more. **Amen.**

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

THE PEOPLE STAND.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.”⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (15:1-6)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

**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.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm,
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn.

*In the suff'ring, in the sorrow,
When my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.*

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won.

*Deeper still, then goes the anchor,
Though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.*

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary.

*This my ballast of assurance
See his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.*

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory,
And we draw our final breath.

*We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind, and life secured.
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured.*

*Christ the shore of our salvation,
Ever faithful, ever true.
We will hold fast to the anchor;
It shall never be removed.*

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE.

Jesus said, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (12:32-40)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us declare our faith in the one true God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away;

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

THE GRACE

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

THE PEOPLE SIT.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *-Matthew 6:19-20*

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AS THE USHERS TAKE UP THE OFFERING. IF YOU ARE VISITING US, WE INVITE YOU TO FILL IN A WELCOME CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE BASKET AS YOUR OFFERING.

When my hope and strength is gone,
You're the One who calls me on.
You are the life,
You are the fight that's in my soul.

Oh your resurrection pow'r,
Burns like fire in my heart.
When waters rise,
I lift my eyes up to your throne.

*We are more than conquerors through Christ.
You have overcome this world this life.
We will not bow to sin or to shame.
We are defiant in your name.
You are the fire that cannot be tamed.
You are the power in our veins.
Our Lord our God our conqueror.*

I will sing into the night.
Christ is risen and on high.
Greater is he,
Living in me than in the world.

No surrender no retreat.
We are free and we're redeemed.
We will declare,
Over despair you are the hope. *Chorus*

Nothing is impossible,
Ev'ry chain is breakable,
With you we are victorious.
You are stronger than our hearts.
You are greater than the dark.
With you we are victorious. *Chorus*

THE DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND.

**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.**

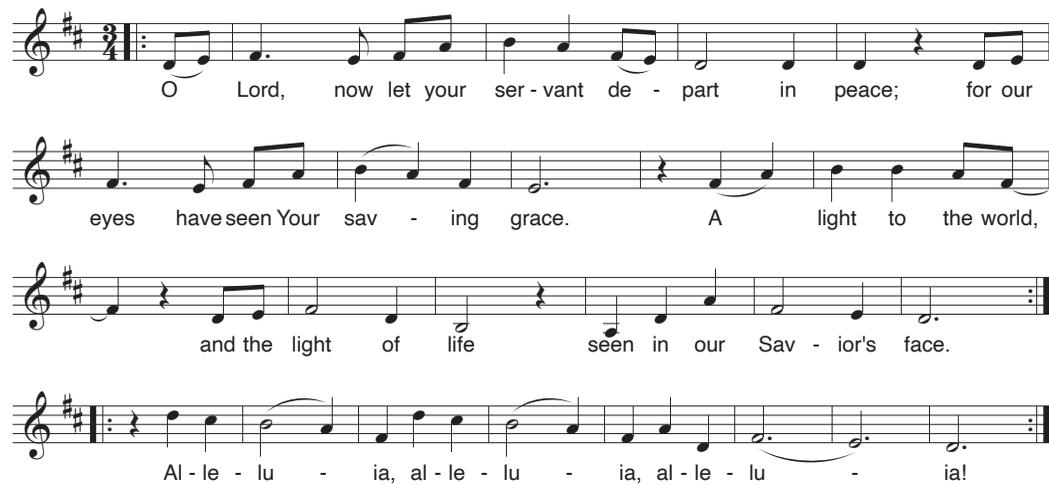
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace



O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in peace; for our
eyes have seen Your sav - ing grace. A light to the world,
and the light of life seen in our Sav - ior's face.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace. *-Romans 5:1-2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit!

YOU MAY GREET EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

FEEL FREE TO REMAIN IN THE NAVE (CHURCH WORSHIP SPACE) AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS
WHILE THE MUSIC IS PLAYING.

*Come to me,
all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11.28

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