



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FIVE O'CLOCK
OCTOBER 2, 2022
The Seventeenth 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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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 HABAKKUK.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith." (1:1-4, 2:1-4)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-10

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

**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.

O restless heart, do not grow weary,
Hold on to faith and wait;
The God of love, he will not tarry,
No, he is never late.

*So I wait in the promise, I wait in the hope;
Yes, I wait in the power of God's unending love.*

Be still and rest secure my soul,
He knows what's best for me.
Here in my patience lies the goal,
To wait and trust in thee.

Even through my imperfections,
His light is shining through;
Though dim, I am still a reflection,
Of his mercy and his truth.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."⁷ Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'?⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'?⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" (17:5-10)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Dean Smalley

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion.
Now there's nothing in this world,
That could ever satisfy.
Through every trial my soul will sing,
No turning back I've been set free.

*Christ is enough for me.
Christ is enough for me.
Everything I need is in you,
Everything I need.*

Christ my all in all the joy of my salvation,
And this hope will never fail.
Heaven is our home.
Through every storm my soul will sing,
Jesus is here to God be the glory.

I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The cross before me the world behind me,
No turning back, no turning back.

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Greene

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.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Immanuel's Land

O Christ, he is a fountain, a deep, sweet well of love;
The streams that I have tasted, more deep I'll drink above;
And fuller than the ocean, his mercy does expand.

*Glory, glory in Immanuel's land;
Glory, glory, glory in Immanuel's land.*

I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved's mine;
He brings this weary sinner into his house of wine;
I stand upon His merit, I know no other stand. *Chorus*

A bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace,
Not at the crown he gives me, but on his pierced hands. *Chorus*

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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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