



**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**  
**IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

---

ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022  
*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Morning Prayer

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 494

*Diademata*

OPENING SENTENCES

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

*-Revelation 4:8*

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 DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

THE CHOIR SINGS AN OPENING ANTIPHON, THEN THE CONGREGATION SINGS:

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

From *The Hymnal 1982*, © 1985 the Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High,  
shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.
- 2 I will say to the Lord, thou art my hope and my stronghold;  
my God in him will I trust.
- 3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter,  
and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers;  
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night,  
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;  
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him;  
yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,  
and shew him my salvation.

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 FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

Godliness with contentment is great gain,<sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.<sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.<sup>9</sup>But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.<sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,<sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,<sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.<sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,<sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (6:6-19)

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-al - ted. Sing the prais-es of the  
Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry a -  
loud, in hab - i - 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. *(to Refrain)*

*-Isaiah 12:2-6*

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. LUKE.

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” (16:19-31)

Reader:     The Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 552

*Pentecost*

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

*PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53*

**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

*PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54*

**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

*PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 55*

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

*PRAYER BOOK, PAGES 56-57*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 58*

**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.**

## 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 PEOPLE SIT.

## THE WELCOME

## A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

Chris Weingartner

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN NO. 438

*Woodlands*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks

## AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God:  
early will I seek thee.  
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.  
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:  
that I might behold thy power and glory.  
For thy loving kindness is better than life itself:  
my lips shall praise thee.  
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
Because thou hast been my helper:  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
Hallelujah.

*-Psalm 63:1-4, 7*

The anthem *O God, Thou Art My God* is a relatively early work of Henry Purcell (1659-1695). A notable feature of this anthem is its conclusion: the music Purcell sets to the word "Hallelujah" is the origin of the famous hymn tune *Westminster Abbey* (Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, Hymn No. 518), aptly named for his post as organist there.

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 PRAYERS 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. 518

*Westminster Abbey*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

IF YOU DESIRE, KNEEL FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

## VOLUNTARY

Alla breve in D Major, BWV 588

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

George A. Blinn, III  
*by Patricia Blinn*

Elizabeth Locke Schuler  
*by her Family*

Jesse Joseph Boudreaux  
James Gibson Pearce  
*by Craig and Scott Boudreaux*

Eugene Wilson Williams  
*by John and Janie Williams*

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Cleo Cassimus O'Neal  
Edward Asbury O'Neal  
*by Zoe and Marcus Cassimus*

## ADULT EDUCATION

*Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at [Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org).*

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *This We Believe: God the Holy Spirit* – Craig Smalley

**Unloved, Unlucky, and Unlikely: Women of the Promise** (Chapter Room) – *Rahab* – Margot Cooney

**What Every Christian Should Know About Church History and Why It Matters Today** (Living Room) – *The Reformation* – Jason Wallace

**Top Hits and Deep Cuts from John's Epistles** (Lower School Library) – Jay Gardner

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *The Power of Parents: The Impact of Spiritual Practice at Home* – Tara Davis

NEXT SUNDAY • OCTOBER 2, 2022

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. *in the Nave* and 9:00 a.m. *in the Refectory*

Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

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

Matthew 11.28

The Church of the Advent was founded with the City of Birmingham in 1872.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT (EPISCOPAL)  
2017 SIXTH AVENUE NORTH | BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203  
205 251-2324 | [ADVENTBIRMINGHAM.ORG](http://ADVENTBIRMINGHAM.ORG)