



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



FIVE O'CLOCK
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

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.

Holy Communion

Welcome to a service of Holy Communion in remembrance of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice for our freedom, rest, and reconciliation with God. This particular service is a modern expression of traditional Anglican worship, drawing from our historic Book of Common Prayer. At the Advent’s Five O’Clock we hold services of Evening Prayer on the first and third Sundays. All other Sundays, we celebrate Holy Communion.

PRELUDE MUSIC

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. us.



Our hearts have been o - pened, no se - cret is hid from your eyes.



Breathe out our con - fes - sion, O Spir - it of God, as we cry: (TO BEGINNING)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing.
Help us to praise:
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayers attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.

Father, now call us out of our wandering.
Jesus, now come and cast out our fear.
Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness:
Open our hearts, open our hearts. 4x

Open our hearts, open our hearts.
Open our hearts, open our hearts.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore:
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity, love and adore.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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. ¹³I 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, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who 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. ¹⁷As 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.

¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (6:3-19)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And 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.’ ²⁵But 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. ²⁶And 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.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He 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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

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

**I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost;
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.*

What heaven so certain, what promise secure!
In Jesus, our present and future are sure.
Forgiveness will hold, as it held us before;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

THE WELCOME

THE PEOPLE SIT.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

-Romans 12:1

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands;
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied,
To look on him and pardon me;
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb;
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am;
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased with his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high;
With Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND.

Praise God from Whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host. Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men!

CONFESSION

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

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

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,
by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty.
We have provoked your wrath
and your indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

-Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

-John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

-1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

-1 John 2:1-2

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

[A proper preface is added here.] Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to Thee;
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Savior Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEOPLE SIT.

All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of denominational background, are invited to receive both the bread and the wine at Communion. To take the wine, do so either by drinking from a silver chalice or by carefully dipping the bread in a glass chalice. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply move past the chalices after taking the bread.

If you're not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and wine, but take Christ and receive him in your heart as those around you receive the food. You may pray at your seat or come forward to receive a blessing from a minister by crossing your arms over your chest. Then immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you've done so we can prepare you to receive Communion next time as a child of God.

AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION, PLEASE REMAIN SEATED TO PRAY AND REFLECT BEFORE WE JOIN OUR VOICES TOGETHER SINGING PRAISES TO GOD.

SONG

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,
Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Come with your peace, with your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me!
For I am his and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand!
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

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. REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN CLINGMAN COMMONS.

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

Matthew 11.28

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