



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

ELEVEN O'CLOCK
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
The First Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 76

Winchester New

OPENING SENTENCES

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

-Revelation 22:17, 20

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.

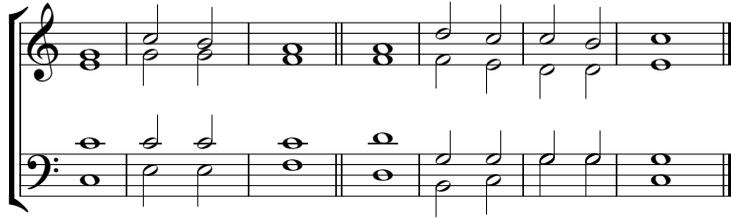
People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44

Richard Goodson



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

- 1 O come let us sing | unto the | Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our sal|va|tion.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | thanks|giving :
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | great | God :
and a great | king a|bove all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the | earth :
and the strength of the hills is | his | al|so.
- 5 The sea is | his and • he | made it :
and his hands pre|pared the | dry| land.
- 6 O come let us worship and | fall | down :
and kneel before the | Lord our | ma|ker.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God :
and we are the people of his pasture * and the | sheep of | his | hand.
- 8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty • of | holiness :
let the whole earth | stand in | awe of | him.
- 9 For he cometh * for he cometh to | judge the | earth :
and with righteousness to judge the world * and the | peoples| with his | truth.

-Psalm 95:1-8; 96:13

THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 122

Anglican Chant: George Clement Martin

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 I was glad when they said unto me,
we will go into the house of the Lord.
- 2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord,
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there is the seat of judgement,
even the seat of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls,
and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will wish thee prosperity.
- 9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do thee good.

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 EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL
TO THE ROMANS.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (13:11-14)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.



1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers! And let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil;
3. O wise and ho - ly vir - gins, Now raise your voic - es higher,
4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
 Un - til in songs of tri - umph Ye meet the an - gel choir.
 A - rise, thou Sun so longed for, A - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, And soon he will draw nigh;
 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide op - en stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! At mid - night comes the cry.
 Go meet him as he com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry! The Bride - groom is at hand.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti, tr. Sarah B. Findlater, alt.; Music: Johann Michael Haydn

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (24:36-44)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 640

Aberystwyth

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

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for 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

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Wes Sharp

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Philipp Nicolai/J.S. Bach

“Wachet auf!” ruft uns die Stimme
 der Wächter, sehr hoch auf der Sinne;
 “Wach auf, du Stadt Jerusalem!”
 Mitternacht heisst diese Stunde;
 sie rufen uns mit hellem Munde:
 “Wo seid ihr, klugen Jungfrauen?
 Wohl auf, der Bräutigam kömmt;
 steht auf, die Lampen nehmt! Halleluja!
 Macht euch bereit zu der Hochzeit.
 Ihr müsset ihm entgegen gehn!”

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
 das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
 sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
 “Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
 von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig:
 ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf!”
 Nun komm, du werthe Kron,
 Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosianna!
 Wir folgen all’ zum Freudensaal
 und halten mit das Abendmal.

*“Wake up!” A voice calls us
 from the watchmen high up on the battlements;
 “Wake up, city of Jerusalem!”
 This is the midnight hour;
 they call us with a clear voice:
 “Where are you, wise virgins?
 Awake, the bridegroom comes;
 Stand up, take your lamps! Hallelujah!
 Make yourselves ready for the wedding.
 You must go to greet him!”*

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,
 her heart leaps for joy,
 she awakes and gets up in haste.
 “Her friend comes from heaven in his splendor,
 strong in mercy, mighty in truth:
 her light shines bright, her star rises!”
 Now come, you worthy crown,
 Lord Jesus, Son of God! Hosanna!
 We all follow to the banquet hall
 and share in the Lord’s supper.
 -Philip Nicolai*

This anthem is the German chorale setting of Hymn No. 61, originally composed by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) and arranged by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The text is closely associated with the season of Advent.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

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**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. 66

Stuttgart

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 Herr Christ der einig Gottes Sohn Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

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

James Craig Battles
Commander James Edmund Battles
Mary Maple Battles
Stephen Battles
Thomas Battles
Morgan Kennemer Slaton
Net Slaton
by Una Slaton Battles and Joshua Edmund Battles

Sydney Page Brewer
by Linda Brewer

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *Profiles in Failure: Hezekiah* – Leslie Housman

The Love of God (Living Room) – *What We Too Often and Too Easily Miss* – Osvaldo Padilla

When in Romans (Chapter Room) – *Peace with the God Who Justifies Sinners (5:1-21)* –
Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *The Bible and Parenting: Shepherding Your Child's Heart
(Jesse and David)* – Will Fagan

NEXT SUNDAY • DECEMBER 4, 2022

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. *in the Nave*, 11:00 a.m., and 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.

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