



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

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FIVE O'CLOCK  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
*The First Sunday of Advent*  
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.

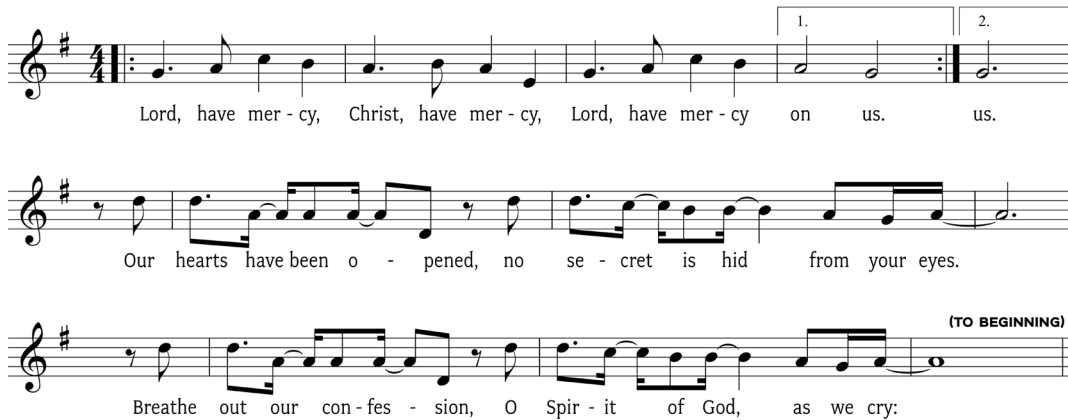
**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid:**

**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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
 Let every hill and valley a level way appear!  
 Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.  
 His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
 Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.  
 His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
 All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.  
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Words: Franz Mikael Franzen; tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price Music: Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. (2:1-5)

Reader:     The Word of the Lord.

People:     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 122

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
**“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
**that is at unity with itself;**
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
**the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
**the thrones of the house of David.**
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
**“May they prosper who love you.**
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
**and quietness within your towers.**
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
**I pray for your prosperity.**
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
**I will seek to do you good.”**

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

**People:     Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For 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, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But 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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (24:36-44)

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.**

## SONG

*My Soul Sings Out with Joyful Praise*

My soul sings out in joyful praise  
To God who raises me,  
Who came to me when I was low,  
And changed my destiny.  
The Holy One, the Living God  
Is always full of grace  
To those who trust his word by faith  
In ev'ry time and place.

The arm of God is strong and just  
To scatter all the proud,  
The tyrants tumble from their thrones,  
And vanish like a cloud.  
The hungry all are satisfied,  
The rich are sent away.  
The poor of earth who suffer long  
Will welcome God's new day.

The promise made in ages past  
At last has come to be,  
For God has come in pow'r to save,  
To set all people free.  
Rememb'ring those who wait to see  
Salvation's dawning day,  
Our Savior comes to all who weep  
To wipe their tears away.

Words: Ruth Duck, 1985, Alt. ZMH 2016 Music: English Folk Tune, Arr. AMH

## 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

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

Words: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1851 Music: Plainsong melody, 13th cent. Public Domain

## 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 OF SIN

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.**

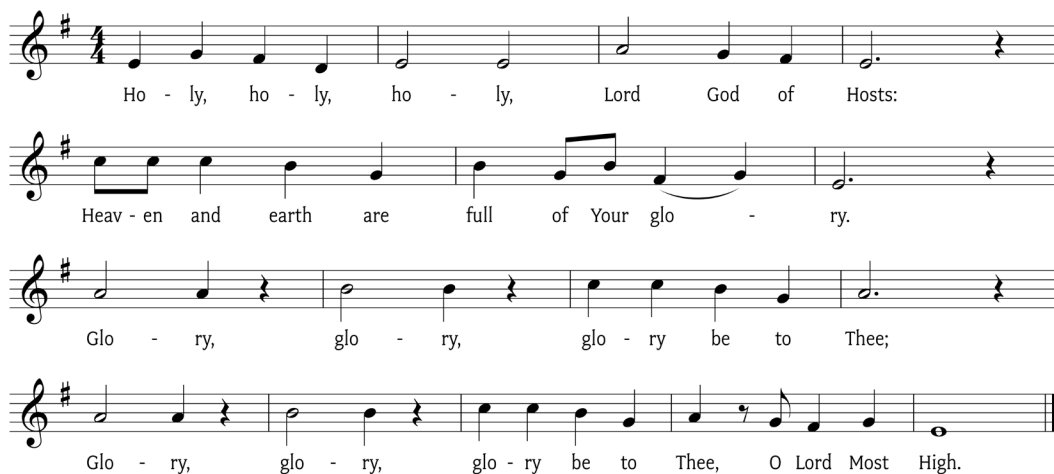
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound,  
I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, I am bound,  
I am bound for the promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore,  
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

When shall I reach that happy land,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in his bosom rest? *Chorus*

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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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