



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 494

Diademata

OPENING SENTENCES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:2

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

Choral Antiphon: *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O come, let us adore him.*

THE PEOPLE SING:

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

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 103:1-13

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**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.**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS.

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (14:1-12)

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 - alt - ed. Sing the prai-ses of the
 Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry a -
 loud in - hab - it - tants of Zi - on. Ring out your joy, for the
 great one in the midst of you is the

(Refrain)

Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

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. MATTHEW.

Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (18:21-35)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE CAN DEPART FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH
DURING THE SINGING OF THIS HYMN.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 419

Mendon

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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

Frank Anderson

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 376

Hymn to Joy

THE SERMON

Cameron Cole

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Richard Shephard

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive.
The mournful broken hearts revive,
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; his praise, you dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ.
You blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap, you lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
And spread through all the earth
Abroad the honors of your name.

-Charles Wesley

Today's setting of Charles Wesley's celebrated hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues* was composed by Richard Shephard (1949-2021) and commissioned for the Diamond Jubilee of the Royal School of Church Music in 1977. Shephard was a prolific composer of church music and his original music to this popular hymn magnifies the text in a new light.

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. 400 (vv. 1, 5, 7)

Lasst uns erfreuen

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.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN
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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) – *Advent Imperatives: Stewardship of the Gospel* (“*Though I Was Blind, Now I See*”) – Craig Smalley

Sin's Sinfulness (Chapter Room) – *We Are Beaten, Bruised, and Bloodied* – Gil Kracke

Divine Hiddenness in John 8 (Living Room) – *The Light of the World and the Exposure of Sin* – Bill Wortman

That You May Know (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Him Who Is True* (1 John 1-2, 5) – Ashton Holt

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Anchors for Sane, Stable Parenting: The Sovereignty of God* – Cameron Cole

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3rd Grade - Room 218

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5th Grade - Room 307

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NEXT SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. *in the Nave*, 9:00 a.m. *in the Refectory*, and 5:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.

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

Matthew 11.28

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