



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM



ELEVEN O'CLOCK
JANUARY 28, 2024
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer

VOLUNTARY

Dieterich Buxtehude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
(How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 371

Moscow

OPENING SENTENCES

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

-Isaiah 60:3

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.

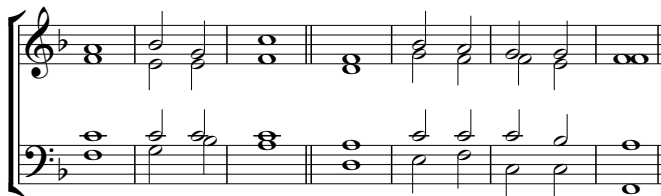
People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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: JUBILATE DEO WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44

William Russell



O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands;
serve the Lord with gladness * and come before his | presence | with a | song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; * it is he that hath made us and not | we our|selves;
we are his people and the | sheep of • his | pas|ture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving * and into his | courts with | praise;
be thankful unto him and | speak | good of • his | Name.
For the Lord is gracious; * his mercy is | ever|lasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to | gene|ra|tion.

-Psalm 100

THE PEOPLE SIT.

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 1 I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great,
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour,
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works,
that they ought to be had in remembrance.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him;
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works,
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgement;
all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people;
he hath commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and reverend is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter;
the praise of it endureth for ever.

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 THE CORINTHIANS.

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—“yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. (8:1-13)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

CANTICLE: A SONG OF PRAISE

John Rutter

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa- thers; you are
wor- thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the
ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex -
alt you for ev - er. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your
tem- ple; on the throne of your ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you.
Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Cher-u - bim; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo-ry to you, be -
hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.
Glo - ry to you, Fa- ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;
we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. (1:21-28)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 533

Lyons

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 and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE SERMON

Canon Gardner

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

George Frideric Handel

Let all the angels of God worship him.

-Hebrews 1:6

Messiah, the best-known oratorio by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), describes the person of Christ through the libretto written by Charles Jennens (1700-1773), who compiled texts from both the King James Version of the Bible and the Prayer Book Psalter. *Let All the Angels of God Worship Him* is a lesser-known chorus from *Messiah*, and appears in the second part of the oratorio.

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. 493

Azmon

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Ann Adams Pritchard
William (Brother) Pritchard, Jr.
by Billy and Allison Pritchard

Sibley Burnett Cahill
by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson R. Sharman, III

Aaron Baldwin Stutts, II
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by Trudy Evans Levenson

William Dice Lineberry
by Family

Louis C. Culver
by Deenie Culver

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Claire, Stewart, and Sarah
by Ed and Lynn Cassady

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) – *Pilgrims on a Journey* – Dean Pinter

Remembering That We Are But Dust (Chapter Room) – Gil Kracke

We Don't Talk About Amos: Why We Can't Endure His Words Without Jesus (Living Room) – Kristen Padilla

Missio Dei: In the Beginning, God (Lower School Library) – Adam Young

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *What Your Child Really Needs From You: Repentance and Confession* – Jay Gardner

NEXT SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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.

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*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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