



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

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NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

*The First Sunday in Lent*

Morning Prayer

VOLUNTARY Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669 Johann Sebastian Bach

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 150

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
-Mark 8:34

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.

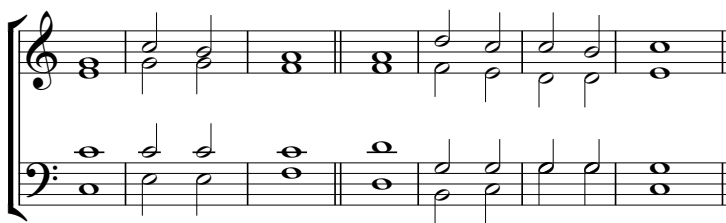
**People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

**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 95:1-7; 96:9, 13

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## PSALM 25:1-9

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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 FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PETER.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. (3:18-22)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

# CANTICLE: THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

Mason Martens

CANTOR SINGS REFRAIN, THEN ALL REPEAT.



Seek the Lord while he wills to be found.

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their way,

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,

and to our God, for he will richly pardon. **Refrain**

For my thoughts are not thy thoughts,

nor thy ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than thy ways,

and my thoughts than thy thoughts. **Refrain**

For as the rain and snow fall from the heavens,

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life, and giving growth,

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth:

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,

and prosper in that for which I sent it. **Refrain**

THE PEOPLE SIT.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (1:9-15)

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. CHILDREN SHOULD WALK DIRECTLY TO THE GYM TO MEET THEIR TEACHERS.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 142

*St. Flavian*

THE SERMON

Canon Gardner

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



# THE GREAT LITANY

Intercessor: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

**People: Spare us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath; and from everlasting damnation.

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Intercessor: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Intercessor: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Intercessor: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Intercessor: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

- Intercessor: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**
- Intercessor: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**
- Intercessor: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**
- Intercessor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**
- Intercessor: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**
- Intercessor: That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**
- Intercessor: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**
- Intercessor: That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**
- Intercessor: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,  
**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in child birth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

**People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Intercessor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People: Have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People: Grant us thy peace.**

Intercessor: O Christ, hear us.

**People: O Christ, hear us.**

Intercessor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## 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.**

Officiant: O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

**People: As we do put our trust in thee.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

John Hilton

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

*-Lidley's Prayers, 1566*

John Hilton's (1560-1608) brief anthem *Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* is composed on a text found in Henry Bull's *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* in a section entitled 'Lidley's Prayers.' This prayer asks God for forgiveness and to bestow on us the grace to lead a life in Christ.

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. 688

*Ein feste Burg*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

VOLUNTARY    Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 671    Johann Sebastian Bach

THE GREENERY IS GIVEN  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF

Ferdinand E. Arn  
*by Mrs. Benjamin Carroll*

Victoria Darby Crenshaw

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Beau, Lauren, Neil, Bryan, and Scott, Jr.  
*by Craig Boudreaux and Scott Boudreaux*



## ADULT EDUCATION

*Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at [Audio.AdventBirmingham.org](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org).*

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *God's Story and Our Story: Snapshots From Acts* –  
Dean Pinter

**Inquirers' Class** (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Baptism* – Jay Gardner

**The Message of Isaiah for Today** (Living Room) – Dennis Sansom

**Salt and Light: Brother Bryan Mission – Serving Men in Birmingham** (Lower School Library) – Adam Young, Brian King, and Duncan Hulsey

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

3K - Room 104

4K - Room 105

Kindergarten - Room 212

1st Grade - Room 213

2nd Grade - Room 214

3rd Grade - Room 218

4th Grade - Room 310

5th Grade - Room 307

6th Grade - Coe Conference Room

7th-8th Grade - Lower Morton Meeting Room

9th-12th Grade - The Undercroft

## NEXT SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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

Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.

## CLERGY

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*For email addresses and phone numbers, please see our staff listing at [AdventBirmingham.org](http://AdventBirmingham.org).*

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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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