



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Nave

MARCH 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Morning Prayer

WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you join us today.

If you are visiting and are interested in learning more about the Advent, please complete an information card (located in the pew rack in front of you) so we can get to know you better.

Except for hymns, page numbers listed in the bulletin refer to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal.

The Lord be with you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

Room 104 - 3K

Room 105 - 4K

Room 212 - Kindergarten

Room 213 - 1st Grade

Room 214 - 2nd Grade

Room 218 - 3rd Grade

Room 310 - 4th Grade

Room 307 - 5th Grade

Coe Conference Room - 6th Grade

Lower Morton Meeting Room - 7th-8th Grade

The Undercroft - 9th-12th Grade

ADULT CLASSES

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) – *God's Story and Our Story: Snapshots From Acts* – Dean Pinter

Inquirers' Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – *Why We Do What We Do:*
Our Worship and Liturgy – Adam Young

Augustine, the Bible, and the 21st Century (Living Room) – Jason Wallace

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Handling Kids' Questions and Doubts With Wisdom and Grace*
– Cameron Cole

MORNING PRAYER

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VOLUNTARY

Fantasy in A minor

William Byrd

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 458

Love Unknown

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 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.

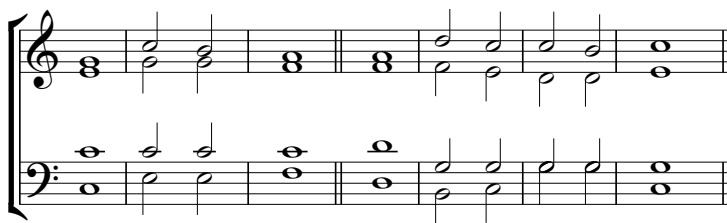
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

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

PSALM 51:1-13

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**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 LETTER TO THE HEBREWS.

Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. (5:5-10)

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**

-Isaiah 55:6-11

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. (12:20-33)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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. 474

Rockingham

THE SERMON

Canon Young

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

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THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**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.

Officiant: 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 AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MOTET

William Byrd

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta.
Sion deserta facta est,
Jerusalem desolata est.

*Your holy city has become a wilderness.
Zion has become a wilderness.
Jerusalem has been made desolate.
-Isaiah 64:10*

William Byrd (1540-1623) was Organist of Lincoln Cathedral from 1563-1572, and then moved to become a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. Byrd was the most famous and skillful composer of his generation. Having been a Catholic, many of his anthems are in Latin, while others written for the Anglican Church set English texts. *Civitas sancti tui* is the second part of a double motet. The first part, *Ne irascaris, Domine* (Be not angry, O Lord), expresses the exiles' plea to God for mercy (Isaiah 64:9), while the second part heard in today's service mourns the loss of the holy cities.

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 PRAYER 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. 473

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Clarifica me, Pater (third setting)
(Glorify Me, Father)

William Byrd

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

Lorol Bowron Rucker

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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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