



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

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NINE O'CLOCK

*in the Nave*

APRIL 21, 2024

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES

Room 104 - 3K

Room 218 - 3rd Grade

Room 105 - 4K

Room 310 - 4th Grade

Room 212 - Kindergarten

Room 307 - 5th Grade

Room 213 - 1st Grade

Coe Conference Room - 6th Grade

Room 214 - 2nd Grade

The Undercroft - 7th-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](http://Audio.AdventBirmingham.org).*

**The Dean's Class** (Refectory) – *The Obscure Messiah: Guidance for Pilgrims* – Craig Smalley

**Hidden with Christ in Colossians** (Chapter Room) – *God's Mystery, Which Is Christ*  
(*Colossians 1:21–2:5*) – Gil Kracke

**Luke 24: Resurrection, Repentance, and the Gift of the Ghost** (Lower School Library) –  
Tommy Mayfield

**Faith and Family** (Assembly Hall) – *Ecclesiastes and Parenting with Perspective:*  
*The Family Benefit of Simply Enjoying Your Kids* – Cameron Cole

## VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *St. Columba*  
 Prelude on *Dominus regit me*

Healey Willan

THE PEOPLE STAND.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION NO. 518

*Westminster Abbey*

## OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. -*Psalm 118:24*

## 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.

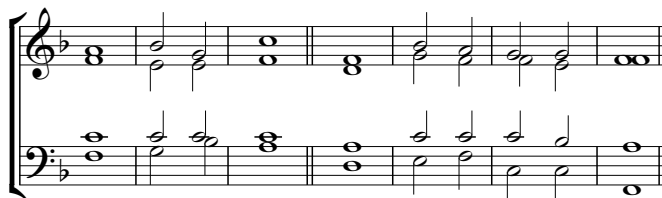
Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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: JUBILATE DEO WITH CHORAL ANTIPHON

*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.

## PSALM 23 (KJV)

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
    **I shall not want.**
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*  
    **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3 He restoreth my soul; \*  
    **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*  
    **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*  
    **thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
    **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**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. JOHN.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. (3:16-24)

Reader:     The Word of the Lord.

**People:     Thanks be to God.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

# CANTICLE: A SONG TO THE LAMB

E. Stanley Roper



Splendor and honor and | kingly | power  
are yours by | right, O | Lord our | God.  
For you created | every•thing that | is,  
and by your will they were cre|ated • and | have their | being;  
And yours by right, O | Lamb that • was | slain,  
for with your | blood you • have re|deemed for | God.  
From every family, language, | people • and | nation,  
a kingdom of | priests to | serve our | God.  
And so to him who sits up|on the | throne,  
– | and to | Christ the | Lamb.  
Be worship and praise, do|minion • and | splendor,  
for | ever • and for | ever | more.

*-Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” (10:11-18)

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. 645

*St. Columba*

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Paul Zahl

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 PEOPLE KNEEL.

## 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 God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECTS

*pages 56-57*

## 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

### ANTHEM

Philip Ledger

Loving shepherd of thy sheep,  
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand,  
None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee ev'ry day,  
Gladly all thy will obey,  
Like thy blessed ones above,  
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not my steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,  
Walking in thy steps below,  
Till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

*-Jane Leeson*

Phillip Ledger (1937-2012) was choirmaster at King's College, Cambridge from 1974-82, and remained active as a conductor, composer and concert organist following his retirement. His setting of *Loving Shepherd of thy sheep*, a text by Jane Leeson, is appropriate for today, "Good Shepherd" Sunday.

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. 708

*Sicilian Mariners*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## VOLUNTARY

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625  
(Christ Lay in Death's Bonds)

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Susan Holley Fitzgibbon  
Ruth Hutchins Fitzgibbon  
*by Tom Fitzgibbon*

AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Lila Banks Everette  
*by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Everette, III*



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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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