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Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

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News & Events

Easter Worship at 9:00 this Sunday

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with us via streaming video this Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access the service.

Connecting During COVID

The Advent continues to provide many ways to engage with our church family during this season in which we remain unable to gather in groups. Our website AdventBirmingham.org is our primary digital connection hub, with information about service streams and studies available on our News and Blog pages, and links to additional platforms. From the site's homepage, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Directory" in the lower left corner to access an online directory with members' contact information through either a device-based app or website. Also at the bottom of the page, access our social media platforms using the links in the bottom right corner. We frequently post content on these pages as well as virtual meetings, seminars, and other opportunities to join together as a family of faith. If you have questions, please contact Communications@CathedralAdvent.com and we will be happy to assist you.



A Word from Michael Weeks

In 1 Corinthians 15, St. Paul quotes Hosea 13:14, saying "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" But at this moment, in light of COVID-19, it appears that death has quite a powerful sting. It feels like we are in the midst of battle.

Our doctors and nurses are fighting in the trenches on the front line, bombarded by wave after wave of attack from the enemy. Our scientists are frantically trying to build new weapons that are smarter and more powerful than our foe. Our leaders are scrambling to make the next decisive move that would give us back the advantage. Despite living in the most advanced age, it still feels like death is winning. It seems like sickness, death's sidekick, is taking over our world.

And yet, although the battle rages on, the war has been won! The good news of the Christian message is that through the resurrection of Jesus, sin and death have been defeated. This battle all started when

death entered our world through the sin of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3, cf. Romans 5). Through their rebellion against God, sin and the devil became the rulers of this world, as we happily submitted ourselves to their rule.

But through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross for us, the penalty for our rebellion was paid, and we have been ransomed from our futile ways and reconciled back to God. And through Jesus' resurrection, he has proven that he has the power over sin, sickness, and death. For death could not hold him down, but he has risen!

This Easter, despite all the pain and suffering going on around us, we are reminded that God has come into our world and taken the sting out of death. He has defeated the grave, and we have the victory!

Therefore, we have hope, that just as Christ was raised, so too will we be raised to new life, where sin and suffering will be no more. And one day, when Christ returns, death will be eliminated, and we will reign in glory. Come Lord Jesus, come!

- Michael

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:57

This Sunday: April 12, 2020

Please join us for Easter worship via streaming video this Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m. as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dean Pearson will preach. (We continue not gathering at the church.)

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream.

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class will not be held this Sunday, April 12. The class will resume on Sunday, April 19.

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; Jeremiah 31:1-6
Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

Children's & Youth Education:

Two resources are now available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and the Advent Christian Academy offers 30-minute lesson plans that align with the Advent's newly released Bible Benchmarks curriculum. Links to all may be found online at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.

Classes for Junior and Senior High Youth via Zoom will not be held this Sunday, April 12. These classes will resume Sunday, April 19.

*The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on AdventBirmingham.org/Live.
Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.*

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A Note on Financial Support

Your financial support makes gospel ministry possible. Church staff will continue to process mailed checks, and information about digital giving options may be found at AdventBirmingham.org/Give.



Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails

We urge all Adventers to sign up to receive parish-wide emails. You can do this by signing up to get the *Adventurer* by email, which will also register you to receive the parish-wide emails. (Doing this will not cause you to stop receiving the printed version of the newsletter, unless you so request.) This is the best way for us to reach the most people with timely news. Find the link to sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.



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calendar:

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Anyone desiring to seek God in prayer may still reach out to the Advent House Prayer Ministry. Gatherings at the Advent House have been temporarily suspended; however, prayer intercessors are continuing to pray for people for God's presence and intervention in their lives for the healing of illness, anxiety, fear, sorrow, and hardship. Please contact Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622 or Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com. *Philippians 4:4-7*