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## News & Events

### Evensong Service to Stream May 7

We will hold a service of Choral Evensong via streaming video on Thursday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. A recording of the service will be available for viewing on our various platforms after the initial airing.

Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. An ensemble of Cathedral Choir members will sing on May 7. Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, Evensong offers beautiful music, gospel messages, and a contemplative setting in which to experience the peace of Jesus Christ.

### Events Canceled Due to COVID-19

We have canceled the following events, listed with the originally scheduled date.

- Mission and Outreach: Tours of the Nave – April 26; Service Day – May 2
- Youth: Junior High End-of-Year Celebration – May 3; Senior High SOS Memphis Trip – June 7-12
- Prayer: Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting – May 4
- Seniors' Ministry: Fellowship in the Pines May 4
- Music: Cathedral Choir Concert – May 14; Evensong for Ascension Day – May 21



## A Word from the Dean

We find ourselves as cast members in a real-life *Groundhog Day*. There is a sense of endlessness to our quarantine; the days run together. We ask ourselves, "What day of the week is it?" and we've long since lost track of the calendar date.

I have been reflecting a lot on my use of time, to the point of some despair. Not just how I live day in and day out, but as I look back on my life, the tinge (sometimes the overwhelming sense) of regret looms. My past seems squandered.

The great error in all of this is that I see only the past as days of opportunity. However, just as my 40-year-old self looks back on my 20-year-old self and says, "You should have made the most of your time!", my 60-year-old self will look back upon my present station and say the same thing.

We find it difficult to live in the present in the best of times, but especially so now. Our lives are typically forward oriented, but now we feel pulled in two different direc-

tions. What should we do with the time we've been given during quarantine? How would God have us live in the present?

The answer, as ever, is to look to Jesus. I hope that this time has driven you to great kindness, but that's not going to fix the brokenness of your heart. I hope that it makes you want to be a better friend, spouse, parent, grandparent, child, but that won't help you in your helplessness.

This time may be the best thing that has ever happened to us because all we have left is Jesus. Some of us have loved being cooped up as it's given us perspective on what's really important. Some of us are really struggling because we're confronted with our true selves and there's no escaping. Either way, it may be the best thing that's ever happened to us because it's given us perspective.

When we talk about redeeming our time, we're really talking about redeeming our lives. The only answer to that is Jesus. The only real thing is Jesus.

In the midst of the regret, the sweetness, the angst, the heartbreak that is quarantine, call out to him. Jesus is mighty to save, our great Redeemer.

- Andrew

**For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

- Romans 5:6

## This Sunday: April 26, 2020

Please join us for worship via streaming video this Sunday, April 26, at 9:00 a.m. Dean Pearson will preach. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live), Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to [AdventBirmingham.org/Worship](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Worship). We continue not gathering at the church. Bishop Sloan has extended the suspension of face-to-face worship through May 17.

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

The Dean's Class will be available via streaming video this Sunday. Visit [AdventBirmingham.org/Live](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Live).

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at [AdventBirmingham.org/Audio](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Audio).

### Lectionary:

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails:

Find the link to sign up at [AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus).

### 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. Junior and Senior High youth gather every Sunday via Zoom for Christian education following the 9:00 a.m. service. Links to all may be found online at [AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus](https://AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus).

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

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## transitions:

**Births:** Madeline Grace Mathis, daughter of Emily and Chase, on March 30; William Chambers Waller, V, son of Chambers and Hannah, on April 1; Thomas Walker, son of Tom and Jane, on April 12

**Baptism:** Miller Murphy Gorrie, daughter of Miller and Megan, on March 15

**Deaths:** Emily Drake Parnell, on March 9; John Buchanan, on March 21; William "Brother" Shelton Pritchard, Jr., on March 23; Barbara Anne Schroeder Oliver, on April 11



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## memorials:

**Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:**

**William "Brother" Shelton Pritchard, Jr.:** (Mission and Outreach) by Millie and Billy Hulsey; Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Hanson, II; Mary and Victor Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez

**Richard L. Smalley:** (Mission and Outreach) by Mary and Victor Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Y. Menendez • (Pastoral Care) by Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg, Jr.

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## calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26 Streaming Worship - <a href="http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live">AdventBirmingham.org/Live</a> - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	27 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	28 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	29 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.  Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	30 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	May 1 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	2
May 3 Streaming Worship - <a href="http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live">AdventBirmingham.org/Live</a> - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	4 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	5 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	6 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.  Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	7 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.  Streaming Choral Evensong Service - <a href="http://AdventBirmingham.org/Live">AdventBirmingham.org/Live</a> - 5:30 p.m.	8 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	9

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**Advent House Prayer Ministry:** 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 God's presence and intervention in people's lives for the healing of illness, anxiety, fear, sorrow, and hardship. Please contact Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622 or [Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com](mailto:Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com). *Philippians 4:4-7*