



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FIVE O'CLOCK
OCTOBER 17, 2021
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

Welcome to the Five O’Clock Service at the Advent.

No matter what brought you today, even if you don’t feel like you belong, we’re so glad you’re here. You’re exactly where you need to be. We pray that as our voices join together in word and song through this service, you might hear and receive God’s grace, through the freeing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Communion

Welcome to a service of Holy Communion in remembrance of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice for our freedom, rest, and reconciliation with God. This particular service is a modern expression of traditional Anglican worship, drawing from our historic Book of Common Prayer. At the Advent’s Five O’Clock we hold services of Evening Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays. All other Sundays, we celebrate Holy Communion.

PRELUDE MUSIC

DURING THE PRELUDE, FEEL FREE TO SOCIALIZE AND GREET EACH OTHER.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. us.

Our hearts have been o - pened, no se - cret is hid from your eyes.

Breathe out our con - fes - sion, O Spir - it of God, as we cry: **(TO BEGINNING)**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1. Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come.
And I hope by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy grace Lord like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 91:9-16

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (53:4-12)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (10:35-45)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

Let us declare our faith in the one true God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

1. O God, you are my God,
Earnestly I seek you,
Ever fainting for you.
O God, you are my God,
In a barren wasteland,
Waterless and tasteless.
O God, I have looked on you;
O God, glory shining through.

*O your love is better than life;
O your love is better than life.
I will praise you, I will bless you
As long as I live.*

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I will praise you, I will bless you
As long as I live.*

2. O God, you are my God,
My fullest satisfaction,
My joyful adoration.
O God, you are my God,
My evening meditation,
My song in tribulation.
O God, my soul clings to you;
O God, your hand holds me through. *Chorus*

In your name, I will lift up my hands. *Chorus*

3. O God, you are my God,
The enemy that seeks me,
You'll crush him underneath me.
O God, you are my God,
Your sword will ever guard me,
Your Word will ever guide me.
O God, as I joy in you,
O God, Satan can't accuse.

In your name, I will lift up my hands. *Chorus*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

THE WELCOME

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

Matthew Menendez

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AS THE USHERS TAKE UP THE OFFERING. IF YOU ARE VISITING US, WE INVITE YOU TO FILL IN A WELCOME CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE BASKET AS YOUR OFFERING.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-Matthew 6:19-20

OFFERTORY SONG

He Will Hold Me Fast

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AND REFLECT ON THE WORDS AS THE MUSICIANS MINISTER IN SONG.

1. When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold:
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast;
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.*

2. Those he saves are his delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in his holy sight;
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

3. For my life he bled and died;
 Christ will hold me fast.
 Justice has been satisfied;
 He will hold me fast.
 Raised with him to endless life;
 He will hold me fast.
 'Til our faith is turned to sight,
 When he comes at last. *Chorus*

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DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND.

Praise God from Whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host. Praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A - men!

CONFESSION

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL. A BRIEF PERIOD OF SILENCE IS KEPT.

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,
by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty.
We have provoked your wrath
and your indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

-Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

-John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

-1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

-1 John 2:1-2

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

[A proper preface is added here.] Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to Thee;
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Savior Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

INVITATION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEOPLE SIT.

All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of denominational background, are invited to receive both the bread and the wine at Communion. To take the wine, carefully dip the bread in the chalice. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply move past the chalices after taking the bread.

If you're not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and wine, but take Christ and receive him in your heart as those around you receive the food. You may pray at your seat or come forward to receive a blessing from a minister by crossing your arms over your chest. Then immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you've done so we can prepare you to receive Communion next time as a child of God.

SONG

My Savior Left His Throne Above

1. My Savior left his throne above,
Exchanged his wealth for poverty;
He took my hate and gave his love;
All this and more he did for me.

*Because he chose the lowly way,
And bowed before his Father's will,
I can with all assurance say:
My God is near and loves me still;
My God is near and loves me still.*

2. He felt the storms of human pain,
He felt temptation's whelming seas;
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain;
All this and more he felt for me.

*Because he knows my every strife,
And is acquainted with my grief,
I can't be shaken in this life;
The Friend of Sinners walks with me;
The Friend of Sinners walks with me.*

3. He kept his Father's every word,
The Law he followed perfectly;
So all God's pleasure he secured,
All this and more he earned for me.

*Because his righteous life is mine,
And all his merits now I own,
I am a child of God on high;
I am adopted, loved, and known;
I am adopted, loved, and known.*

4. When Jesus left his heavenly home,
His face was set on Calvary;
The steepest hill he climbed alone,
All this and more he did for me.

*Because he died once for all time,
And bore the curse of death and hell,
Final forgiveness here is mine;
So it is finished, all is well;
Yes, it is finished, all is well.*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. *-Romans 5:1-2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit!

YOU MAY GREET EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

POSTLUDE MUSIC

FEEL FREE TO REMAIN IN THE NAVE (CHURCH WORSHIP SPACE) AND HAVE CONVERSATIONS WHILE THE MUSIC IS PLAYING. REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN CLINGMAN COMMONS.

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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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