



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FIVE O'CLOCK
NOVEMBER 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
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 first and third 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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1. Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing.

Help us to praise:

Father! All glorious, o'er all victorious

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword

Our prayers attend!

Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success,

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

In this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Father, now call us out of our wandering

Jesus, now come and cast out our fear

Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness

Open our hearts, open our hearts

4. To thee, great One in three, eternal praises be

Hence evermore:

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see

And to eternity, love and adore.

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1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
 Let every hill and valley a level way appear!
 Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.
 His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
 Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
 His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
 All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Words: Franz Mikael Franzen; tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price Music: Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697

THE PEOPLE SIT.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." (33:14-16)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.³⁴ But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (21:25-36)

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.**

SONG

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins releases us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

THE WELCOME

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

-Romans 12:1

OFFERTORY SONG

Be Praised

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

*From the rising of the sun,
To the going down of the same,
Let the name of the Lord be praised.
Both now and forevermore,
All of heaven and earth proclaim,
Let the name of the Lord be praised.*

1. Come now all you children,
Open up your eyes.
Where two or more are gathered,
His presence will abide.
Lift your voice to heaven,
There's only one to glorify,
Jesus Christ. *Chorus*

2. Come now all you sinners,
Lay your burdens down,
At the feet of Jesus,
Where mercy can be found.
In beautiful surrender,
We're singing here on holy ground,
How sweet the sound. *Chorus*

Be praised King Jesus.
Be praised for your goodness.
For all that you've done be praised.
Be praised in the highest.
Be praised for your kindness.
Let the name of the Lord be praised.

*From the rising of the sun,
To the going down of the same,
Let the name of the Lord be praised.*

Let the name of the Lord be praised.

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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.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave. *Refrain*

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain*

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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

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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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