



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

FIVE O'CLOCK
JANUARY 16, 2022
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Evening Prayer

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.

Evening Prayer

This service is a modern expression of traditional Anglican worship. The focus is on hearing God’s Word and responding in both sung and said prayer. We hold services of Evening Prayer on 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 SENTENCE

THE PEOPLE STAND.

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *-Malachi 1:11*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

PHOS HILARON

**O joyful light,
from the pure glory of the eternal heavenly Father,
O holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**As we come to the setting of the sun
and see the evening light,
we give thanks and praise to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit of God.**

**Worthy are you at all times
to be sung with holy voices,
O Son of God, O giver of life,
and to be glorified through all creation.**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy praise;
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 God's redeeming love.

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.

O to grace, how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy goodness, 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, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Oh that day, when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Bring thy promises to pass;
For I know thy pow'r will keep me,
Till I'm home with thee at last.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, kneeling in silence and confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have wandered and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, pardons and absolves you through Jesus Christ our Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed your transgressions from you, to remember your sins no more. **Amen.**

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

THE PEOPLE STAND.

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost;
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.*

What heaven so certain, what promise secure!
In Jesus, our present and future are sure.
Forgiveness will hold, as it held us before;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

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THE PEOPLE SIT.

PSALM 36:5-10

READ RESPONSIVELY, BY HALF-VERSE.

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;*
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God!*
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;*
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life,*
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,*
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. (12:1-11)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (2:1-11)

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People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Wes Sharp

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THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the 'whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING.

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.**

SUFFRAGES

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away;
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE PEOPLE SIT OR KNEEL.

THE GRACE

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 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.

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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THE DOXOLOGY

PLEASE STAND.

**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.**

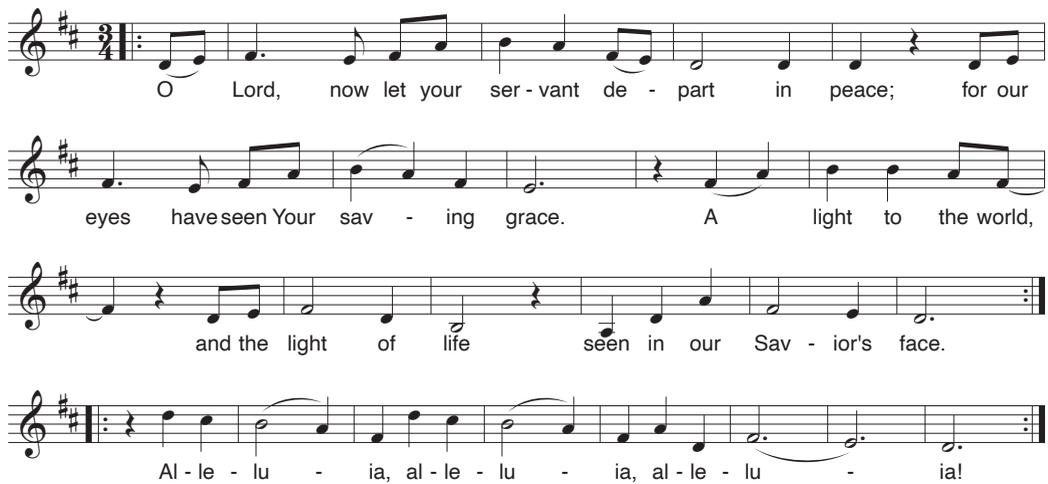
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Peace



O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in peace; for our
eyes have seen Your sav - ing grace. A light to the world,
and the light of life seen in our Sav - ior's face.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE 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.

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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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