



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NINE O'CLOCK

in the Refectory

JANUARY 16, 2022

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

How Firm a Foundation

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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OPENING SENTENCES

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*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All: **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.**

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.

**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.**

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.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE WILL DEPART FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE SINGING OF THIS HYMN.

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.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54

**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

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 55

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: For only in thee can we live in safety.
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;
People: Thy saving health among all nations.
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE COLLECTS

PRAYER BOOK, PAGES 56-57

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 58

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 STAND.

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Wes Sharp

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

His Mercy Is More

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 STAND.

THE DOXOLOGY

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**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 PEOPLE SIT.

CLOSING PRAYERS AND THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

SONG

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

IF YOU DESIRE, SIT FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

POSTLUDE

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Classes take place from 10:15 to 10:50 a.m. and will be available online at Audio.AdventBirmingham.org.

The Dean's Class (Refectory) – *A Journey Through the Writings: Ecclesiastes* – Mark Gignilliat

First Things First: Haggai (Yes, Haggai!) for the New Year (Living Room) – *Haggai 2:10-23* – Rebecca Lankford

Grace and Gratitude: Working Things Out as God Works in Us (Chapter Room) – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Assembly Hall) – *Kids' Identities: How to View Through the Redemption of Christ* – Lucy Kate Green

CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Threes-Fourths - Room 110

Kindergarten-3rd Grade Room 217

4th Grade - Room 310

5th Grade - Room 307

6th Grade - Room 311

7th-8th Grades - Lower Morton Meeting Room

9th-12th Grades - The Undercroft

NEXT SUNDAY • JANUARY 23, 2022

Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. *in the Refectory*, and 5:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. *in the Nave* and 11:00 a.m.

Annual Parish Meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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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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