



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Advent Lessons & Carols December 9, 2018

Hymn 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Please stand and join in singing.

Verses 2–7 are sung alternately by men and women, with all singing the refrain.

Bidding Prayer

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1–15

Read by David Hamlin

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Anthem *Adam lay ybounden*

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was; therefore we moun singen, Deo gratias!

Second Lesson: Isaiah 40:1–11

Read by Sarah Harris

God comforts the people of Israel and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Anthem *Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green.

The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,

The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Bereden väg för Herran

Third Lesson: Isaiah 35:1–10

Read by Eliot Heher

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Anthem *The record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answer'd: No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give as answer to them that sent us. What say'st thou of thy self? And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 7:10–15

Read by D.D. Alexander

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Anthem *The Lamb*

John Tavener (b. 1944), text by William Blake (1757–1827)

*Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.
He is called by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild;
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1–9

Read by Frank Hunnewell

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Anthem *A Spotless Rose*

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*A Spotless Rose is Blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter,
And in the dark midnight.*

*The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through God's great love and might
The Blessed Babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.*

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

Llangloffan

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

Read by Paige Manning

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Anthem *Shepherd's Carol*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955), text by Clive Sansom (1910-1981)

*We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.
The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.
There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,*

*Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.
Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.
And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.*

Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

Read by Michael Vanin

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Anthem *And I Saw a New Heaven*

Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is

with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.'

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending"

Helmsley

Postlude *Partita* "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)



Everyone is invited to a candlelight reception in the parish hall after the service.

Special thanks to Margaret Zusky and Wendy Haering
for coordinating the reception.

Officiants Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole, Rev. Margaret Schwarzer,
and Rev. Catherine Healy

Organist and Choirmaster Helen Ward Mannix

Guest Organist Erica Johnson

Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Offerings supporting the work and mission of St. Andrew's are gratefully accepted during this service. Collection plates are at the back of the church and the entrance to the transept chapel.



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