



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Advent Lessons & Carols December 5, 2021

Matin Responsory adapted from a *Magnificat*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*I look from afar: And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming,
and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.*

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come:

to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost.

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Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Bereden väg för Herran

Please stand and join in singing.

Bidding Prayer

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1–15

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

Anthem *Adam lay ybounden*

Boris Ord (1897–1961))

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winters 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

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.*

Third Lesson: Isaiah 35:1–10

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

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

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

Hymn 68 “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

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

Anthem *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
arranged by Donald Cashmore (b. 1926)

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.*

*The Rose, the stem, of Jesse, by prophets once foretold,
Mary alone has brought us the child promised of old.
By God's eternal power the maid has borne the infant at this, the midnight hour.*

*The flower so small and slender shines thro' with radiance bright;
To us so sweet and tender dispels the darkest night.
True Man with God's true power helps us from all our suffering,
Saves us from death's dark hour.*

Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Hymn 57 “Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

Helmsley

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Op. 8, Nr. 1*

Toccata

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)



Everyone is invited to a reception on the patio 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. Mia Kano
Organist and Choirmaster Helen Ward Mannix
Guest Organist Thomas Handel

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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