



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.*

## Advent Lessons & Carols

### December 10, 2023

*We are livestreaming the service.*

Hymn 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

*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*

Philip Ledger (1937–2012)

*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.*

Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

*Bereden väg för Herran*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

### **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."

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers,"

*Llangloffan*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

### **Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1–9**

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

Anthem *The Lamb*

John Tavener (b. 1944-2013), 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!*

## Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

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

Anthem *Ave Maria*

Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Bass solo

*The angel of the Lord announced to Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Chorus

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*

*You are blessed among woman and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

Tenor solo

*Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word. And the word was made flesh and lived among us.*

Chorus

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and in the hour of our death.*

## Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Anthem

*O Thou, the Central Orb*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

*O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.*

*Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending,"

*Helmsley*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

Postlude *Fugue in a minor (BWV 543)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



**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. Sarah Robbins-Cole

*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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