



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Advent Lessons & Carols
December 8, 2019

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 Robert Prensner

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

Anthem *Adam lay ybounden*

Howard Skempton (b. 1947)

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 Makha Kekana

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 Stephen Mahoney

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 Jennifer Martin

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

Anthem *O light everlasting*

Olaf Christiansen (1901-1984)

*O Light Everlasting
O Love never failing
Illumine our darkness
And draw us to Thee
May we from Thy spirit
Receive inspiration*

*O Light everlasting!
Make known to all nations
Thy peace and salvation
And help us O Father
Thy temple to be.*

Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1–9

Read by Jonathan Barry

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

Anthem *Bethlehem Down*

Peter Warlock (1894-1930), words Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)

*"When He is King we will give him the King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.*

*Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

*When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.*

*Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

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 *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

Read by Bruce MacKinnon

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Anthem *And the glory of the Lord from Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.'

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending"

Helmsley

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 661)*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



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. Mia Kano

Organist and Choirmaster Helen Ward Mannix

Guest Organist Miranda Loud

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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