



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 8, 2024

We are livestreaming the service.

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*

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.*

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 *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

arranged by Donald Cashmore (1926-2013)

*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.*

Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

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

Anthem *Er is een kindeke geboren*

traditional Dutch carol

arranged by Jetse Bremer (b. 1959)

*There is a little baby born on earth.
He came to earth for all of us.
He came to earth and he had no home.
He came to earth already carrying his cross.*

*There is a little baby born in the straw.
He lay in a manger all covered in hay
He had two beautiful eyes as black as can be, two blushing cheeks that look so beautiful on him.
He looked at his mother and he laughed so quickly. He knew so well his mother's love.
He looked at his father and laughed so quickly. He knew so well his father's love.
He came to earth for all of us.
He wishes us a blessed new year.*

Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

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

Please stand and join in singing.

Postlude *In dir ist Freude (BWV 615) (In thee is joy)*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Everyone is invited to a 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. Dr. 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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