

# Advent Lessons & Carols December 11, 2016

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.

The Bidding Prayer

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1–15

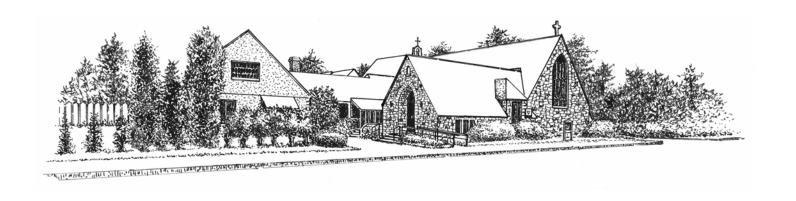
Read by Lynda Sperry

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, 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 Frank Hunnewell

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

Anthem Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

Laura Cervinsky, Soprano

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 Julie Koeninger

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Anthem The Record of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Lucas Alvarado, tenor

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 Michael Vanin

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 Anne Prensner

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

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.

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

Llangloffan

#### Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26–38

Read by Cynthia Scott

John Joubert (b. 1927)

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

Anthem There is no rose

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There is no rose of such virtue

By that rose we may well see

As is the rose that bare Jesu; There be one God in persons three;

Alleluia. Pares forma. (Let us rejoice)

For in this rose contained was Then leave we all this worldly mirth,

Heaven and earth in little space; And follow we this joyous birth;

Res miranda. (Remarkable thing) Transeamus. (We are transformed)

#### Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Read by Al Bornemann

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

Anthem Seek him that maketh the seven stars

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959) Amos 5:8, Psalm 139

Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, the night is light about me. Amen.

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes with clouds descending" Postlude "Allegro assai vivace" from *Sonata I* 

Helmsley

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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

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

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

Organist and Choirmaster Helen Ward Mannix

Guest Organist Thomas Handel

Acolyte Katherine Roer

Ushers Bob Ware and Nancy Kohl

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.

