



# 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 7, 2025

*We are livestreaming the service.*

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Op.8 No.1*

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Processional 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*

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**

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 *The Lamb*

John Tavener (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.

*Salutation Carol*

15th Century English Carol found in the Bodleian Library  
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### **Refrain**

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!*

*This is the salutation of th'angel Gabriel*

*Tidings true there be come new*

*Sent from the Trinity*

*By Gabriel to Nazareth*

*City of Galilee*

*A clean maiden and pure virgin*

*By her humility*

*Shall now conceive the Person*

*Second in deity. Refrain*

*When he first presented was*

*Before her fair visage*

*In the most demure and goodly wise*

*He did to her homage*

*And said, "Lady, from heav'n so high,*

*That Lordes heritage,*

*The which of thee born would be*

*I am sent on message. Refrain*

*Hail, virgin celestial*

*The meek'st that ever was!*

*Hail, temple of Deity!*

*Hail, mirror of all grace!*

*Hail, virgin pure! I thee ensure,*

*Within a little space*

*Thou shalt conceive, and him receive*

*That shall bring great solace Refrain*

*Then bespake the maid again*

*And answered womanly*

*"Whate'er my Lord commandeth me*

*I will obey truly"*

*With "Ecce sum humillima (I am the most  
humble)*

*Ancilla Domini*

*Secundum verbum tuum" (according to  
your word)*

*She said, "Fiat mihi" (Let it be done for  
me.) Refrain*

## Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 65:17–25

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,"

*Helmsley*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Op.8 No.1*

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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

Special thanks to Wendy Haering and her team 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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