



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Andrew's

66TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF Christmas Lessons and Carols

4:00 PM • December 21, 2025



PRELUDE

Ding Dong Merrily on High arr. Fred Gramman (b. 1950)
The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

Prelude on the Sussex Carol Russel Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity) John Ireland (1879-1962)
Organ

Silent Night arr. Michael Helman (b. 1956)
The St. Andrew's Junior Handbell Choir

Noel Henry Mulet (1878-1967)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella! Christopher Uehlein (b. 1931)
Organ

Change Ring on 'Divinum Mysterium' arr. Fred Gramman
The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Once in royal David's city

Hymnal, no. 102

Verse 1: Junior Choir, Verse 2-5: Adult Choir,
Please stand and join us in singing verse 6

1 Once in royal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Rev. Paul Frolick

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN: *Come, thou Redeemer of the earth*

arr. Sir. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Verses 1–5 are sung by the choir, Congregation joins for verse 6

One *Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:
let ev'ry age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.*

Two *Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.*

Three *The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honour all unstained;
the banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below.*

Four *From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds;
His course he runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell.*

Five *O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshy mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.*

Six **All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: *Genesis 3:8-15*

Samuel Halgren, Junior Chorister

God announces in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL: *Adam lay Ybounden*

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

*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 gracias!*

THE SECOND LESSON: *Genesis 22:15-18*

Norm Richert, Senior Chorister

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of earth be blessed.

CAROL: *Emmanuel, Savior of the Nations*

Derek Hayes

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

THE THIRD LESSON: *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Suzanne Bender,
Director of the Saint Dunstan Handbell Choir

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CAROL: Come, Come EmmanuelLynn Shaw Bailey (b. 1955) / Becki Slagle Mayo (b. 1956)
The St. Andrew's Cherub Choir

Come, come Messiah, come, come, Emmanuel. Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel. Prophets of old have told of your coming; long we have waited, long we have prayed. Kingdoms and kings will bow down before you. Come, Emmanuel, today.

Come, come Messiah, come, come, Emmanuel. Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel. We are your children, you are our Savior. Lovingly guide us, guide us we pray. Help us to follow, help us to listen. Come, Emmanuel, today.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4

Deborah Friauff, Director of Music

*The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.***CAROL: O little town of Bethlehem**

Hymnal, no. 79



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

The Rev. Dcn. Felicity Thompson, Deacon

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CAROL: *There is no Rose (This Holy Hour)*

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Margaret Burk (b.1990)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; alleluia, alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and Earth in little space. Res miranda, res miranda.

By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, pares forma, pares forma, pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth: transeamus, transeamus.

THE SIXTH LESSON: *Matthew 1:18-23*

The Rev. Walt LaBatt, Priest Associate

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL: *Oh, Come, Little Children*

The St. Andrew's Junior and Cherub Choirs

Lynn Shaw Bailey / Becki Slagle Mayo

*Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all! Oh, come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall.
The bright star will guide us and show us the way to Jesus, our Savior, asleep on the hay.
Come, little children, come, come to Bethlehem. Come, see the baby lying in a manger. Come,
see the newborn King! Come, see the shining star guiding us from afar, helping to show us the
way. Come, little children, come, come to Bethlehem. Come, see the newborn King!*

THE SEVENTH LESSON: *Luke 2:8-16*

The Rev. JoAnn Kennedy Slater, Priest Associate

The Shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL: *While shepherds watched their flocks*

Hymnal, no. 94



1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin - ing throng



1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

THE EIGHTH LESSON: *Matthew 2:1-11*

The Rev. Sally Boelter, Priest Associate

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL: The Wise Men and the Star

Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting, startled by starlight that kindles the sky. Eager for answers, destiny drives them, watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden, threading the byways of winter and cold, come to a doorway, low-built and lamp-lit, eagerly enter under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him, laid in a manger and haloed with hay. Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows. Steady the star shines. Follow the star.

HYMN: O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal, no. 83

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from____ God,____ Light from Light e - ter - nal,____
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,____
 *4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,____
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,____

1 come ye, O come____ ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors____ not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw____ nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace____ thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son____ of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God,____ glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
Refrain

THE NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-8

The Rev. Paul Frolick, Rector

Saint John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL: *The Christmas Silence (This Holy Hour)*

Margaret Burk

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Hushed are the pigeons cooing low on dusty rafters of the loft, and mild-eyed oxen, breathing soft, sleep on the fragrant hay below. Dim shadows in the corner hide; the glimmering lantern's rays are shed where one young lamb just lifts his head, then huddles 'gainst his mother's side. Strange silence lingers in the air, through a half-open door, a bar of light from one low hanging star touches a baby's radiant hair. No sound: the mother, kneeling, lays her cheek against the little face. Oh human, love! Oh heav'nly grace! 'Tis yet in silence that she prays! Ages of silence end tonight; then to the long expectant earth glad angels come to greet his birth in burst of music, love, and light.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING**CLOSING HYMN: *Joy to the world!***

Hymnal, no. 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, won - ders of his
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

POSTLUDE: *Toccata on 'Antioch'*

Craig Phillips (b. 1962)

Christmas

at St. Andrew's

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

3:45 PM

Family Eucharist Prelude *

4:00 PM

Family Eucharist +
Christmas Pageant *

9:00 PM

Festival Choral Prelude *

9:30 PM

Festival Choral Eucharist *

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25 ^

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

*Services will be held as
regularly scheduled
December 26-28.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1 ^

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

* Livestreamed on YouTube

^ No 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

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person this Christmas?



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist
9:15 AM Family Service
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

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Deborah Friauff, Director

Oliver Steissberg, Accompanist

Adult Choir

Soprano

Elisabeth Andrews
Robin Berry
Celia Bridges
Sharman Galezewski
Hilary Garton
Aileen Gatten
Susie Lorand
Hannah Resnick

Tenor

Christopher Bickley
Jonathan Gardner
Zachary Slotkin*
Akshaya Varghese

Alto

Lorraine Field
Kim Hudolin
Natalie Law
Ally Norris
Haley Olson*
Lucy Richert
Sarah Teske
Donna Wessel Walker
Jennifer Whiteford

Bass

Beck Andrews
Stephen Bates
Michael Field
Noah Gardner*
Tim Jensen
Parks Mason
Norm Richert
Nathan Sten

* Choir Scholar

Junior Choir

Benjamin Halgren
Samuel Halgren
Addy Jacobson

Cherub Choir

John Acton
Eleanor Floyd
Peter Floyd
Claire Halgren
Mira Pavloski

THE SAINT DUNSTAN HANDBELL CHOIR

Suzanne Bender, Director

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Ruth Brook
Liz Hagemeister
Liz Halgren
Shirley Harden
James Kraatz
Mary Jane Medlock
Dyanna Posch
Kevin Ross
Suzanne Schluederberg
Marilyn Shuster

THE SAINT ANDREW'S JUNIOR HANDBELL CHOIR

Liz Halgren & Suzanne Bender, Directors

Benjamin Halgren
Samuel Halgren
Addy Jacobson
Quinn Miller



LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Organist &	Acolytes
Director of Music	Harry McLaughlin
Deborah Friauff	Dean Murchison
Organ Scholar	Collin Murchison
Oliver Steissberg	
Usher	Sarah Inwood
Officiant	
Paul Frolick	



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Music for Meditation

Pure Winds

February 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Compline at 6:30 pm

These events are free and open to the public.
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