

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 29, 2020**



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*We welcome everyone to in-person and on-line worship today! For safety reasons, those worshipping in person at the church please make all spoken responses **quietly**. We look forward to “making a joyful noise unto the Lord” together whenever it is deemed safe for us to do so!*

**Gathering Music**

*Worship leaders find their places in the chancel.*

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

## Introit

*The Cantor will sing two verses of "Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Hymn 56) each week.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom  
Captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile  
Here until the Son of God appear.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who  
orderest  
All things mightily; to us the path of knowledge  
Show, and teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to  
thy  
Tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst  
give the  
Law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them  
from  
Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to  
Save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open  
Wide our heavenly home; make safe the way  
that leads on  
High, and close the path to misery.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and  
cheer us  
By the drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy  
clouds of  
Night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the  
Hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad  
divisions  
Cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom  
Captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile  
Here until the Son of God appear.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Those lighting the wreath will come forward.*

*Celebrant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant* Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord, and by your great mercy defend us from all  
perils and dangers of this life; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People* Amen.

## The Trisagion (spoken three times)

*People* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One. Have mercy upon us.

*The Advent wreath is lit. Members of the congregation return to their seats.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Hymn of Praise: Hymn 59 “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”**

*The following hymn is led by the choir, all standing; the online congregation may join in.*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding. “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;  
“Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth’s bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
May he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

## **The Lessons**

*The people are seated for the readings of the day.*

### **First reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

*The leader reads the verses; others will join in.*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## **Mark 13: 24-37**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Libby Berman

## The Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant begins. The people join in.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People: Form II** (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 385*)

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, and Deedie. We pray for all those who have the Corona virus, caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine or other measures of relief. We pray for those currently facing unemployment.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We give thanks today for our ability to worship both in-person and online. We give thanks for our technical team and for the help of our consultant, Kingsley Kalohelani.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant begins. The people will join in.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest says*

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Those worshipping at the church please offer greetings to one another from a distance; feel free to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting. Those worshipping in person and at home, please remember one another, as we are one!*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!



## **The Offertory**

*Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)*

## The Offertory Music

Lorraine Yamamoto, Piano

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” by Mary McDonald*

*Those appointed to place figures in the creche come forward at this time.*

For those worshipping in person in the church, please note that there is a koa bowl at the rear of the church into which you are encouraged to place your offerings. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during this challenging time!

## The Hawaiian Doxology *(Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal)*

*The choir has recorded this hymn from their homes. Please join in the singing, either in person or from home*

Ho'o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a,  
Ke Kei-ki me ka 'U-ha-ne no,  
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai-ka-'i pu  
Ko kei-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.



## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your dearly beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

The Holy Eucharist II  
Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

**S 161** **The Holy Eucharist II**  
**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God** *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the station at the bottom of the chancel area. Please follow the ushers and the verbal instructions given, so that the bread can be distributed as safely as possible. Receiving the sacrament “in one kind only,” as we are doing today, is considered by the Church to be a full communion. (Please note that the members of our online congregation are aware of the distribution of communion; we are making efforts to deliver the sacrament to the homes of those in our community who request it.)*

*When all have received the Bread, the Officiant speaks the words of distribution to the whole congregation at once, saying*

This is the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (*The people respond: Amen.*)  
This is the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (*The people respond: Amen.*)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you  
have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world  
in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of  
heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

The Rev. Libby Berman

### **The Final Hymn #57: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for  
Our salvation slain; thousand thousand  
Saints attending swell the triumph of his  
Train: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in  
Dreadful majesty: those who set at  
Nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
Tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his  
Dazzling body bears, cause of endless  
Exultation to his ransomed worship-  
ers; with what rapture, with what rapture,  
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on  
Thine eternal throne; Savior, take the  
Power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine  
Own: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*People* Thanks be to God!

## **The Postlude**

Lorraine Yamamoto, Organist

*“People, Look East,” by Grimoaldo Macchia*

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### **Flower Dedications**

In memory of John G. Long (His birthday would have been in August), dedicated by John & Ginnie  
Long

### **Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!**

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman  
Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele  
Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC Choir  
Readers: Ed Moore & Frank Condello  
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We are grateful for the opportunity to gather and to celebrate the Eucharist today for the first time since August 2! We give great thanks to our faithful technical team and to our AV consultant, Kingsley Kalohelani, who is with us in the church today.

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 9AM**

We will continue to use “Zoom” for those who wish to be with us online on Sundays at 9am.  
We are glad to hold our whole community together during this time!

