

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 67 “Comfort, Comfort Ye my People”

The following hymn is led by the choir; the online congregation may join in.

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus
Saith our God; comfort those who sit in the darkness
Mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load. Speak ye to Je-
rusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert
Far and near, calling us to new repentance
Since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning
Cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher
places plain; let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits hi holy reign. For the glory
Of the Lord now o’er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That the word is never broken.

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the

uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Reader Please join me in saying portions of Psalm 85 in unison.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Steele

The Rev. Dr. Robert

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, Heather, 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 God.

Silence

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

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

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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)

Making our creche ready

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

The Offertory Music

Wendy Caliri, Harp with Téa & Mia Caliri, Violin

*“The First Noel/Pachelbel’s Canon *”, arranged by Megan Reeve*

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, whether bishop or priest, 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.

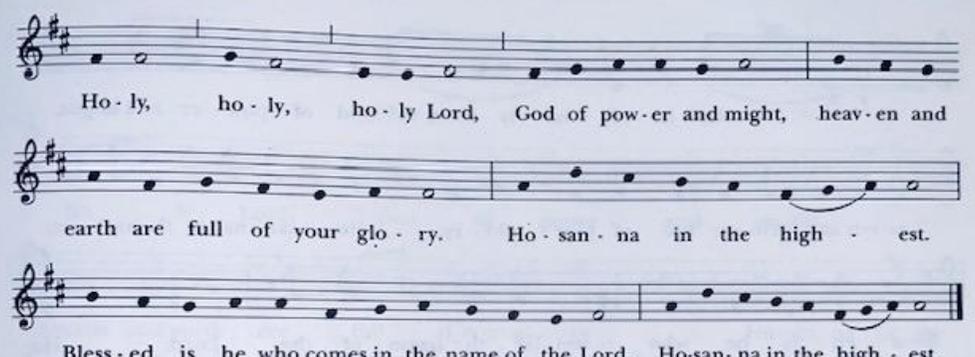
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 i 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:

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



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.*

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

The Holy Eucharist II

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 #65: “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high yor praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

Wendy Caliri, Harp with Téa & Mia Caliri, Violin

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” * arranged by Felix Mendelssohn*
“Angels we have heard on High” arranged by Patricia Jaeger

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

Celebrant: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon and Preacher: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC Choir;

Guest Soloists Wendy, Téa & Mia Caliri

Readers: Alison Kittle & Jean Steele

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If you are in person, please greet one another (socially-distanced, with masks) on the lanai as you leave today. If you are on-line, please join us for a virtual coffee hour!

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 9AM
IN-PERSON & ONLINE**

