

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**



Church of the Holy Nativity, Honolulu, HI  
5286 Kalanianaʻole Hwy. Honolulu, HI 96821  
<http://www.holynativityhawaii.org/>

*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.*

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

2-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.

3-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.

4-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.

5-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.

6-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.

7-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.

8-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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Hymn of Praise: “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”** Amie Lawyer, musician

*The words to this hymn will be available on the screen. The online congregation is encouraged to sing out strongly; the in-person congregation may sing quietly.*

## **The Lessons**

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

### **First reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 126**

*Reader* Please join me in reading Psalm 126 in unison

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual: "Light One Candle"**

Amie Lawyer, Musician

*The words to this hymn will be available on the screen.*

**The Gospel**

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*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 children and families who have participated in leading our monthly family services during this past year.

*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* 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)*

## **The Offertory: “Light One Candle to watch for Messiah” Amie Lawyer**

*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, 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 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. 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

## 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: "Soon and Very Soon"

Amie Lawyer, musician

*The words to this hymn will be available on the screen.*

### 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

*Canzona on "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Grimoaldo Macchia*

\*\*\*\*\*

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

Lighting the Advent Candles: The Zitz family

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Libby Berman

Deacon: The Rev. Bob Steele

Musicians: Lorraine Yamamoto and the HNC Choir

Readers: The Bunting family

Intercessor: Julia Yamaguchi

Eucharistic Minister: Sandra Braham

Usher: Rich Miller

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi; Adrienne Fung; Doug Kittle

### **Staff**

Music Director (Chris Suzuki): [hncmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:hncmusic1@gmail.com)

Student for Formation for Ordination (Frank Condello)

Office (Punahale Coldwell): [hncparish@gmail.com](mailto:hncparish@gmail.com)

Operations Manager (Kathy Kia): [hncoperationsmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hncoperationsmanager@gmail.com)  
Thrift Shop (Peggy Budlong): [hntsmgr@gmail.com](mailto:hntsmgr@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 9AM**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES:**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 5PM (in person and on Zoom)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 at 9AM (in person only)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 at 9AM (in person only)**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**



## POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



Please consider contributing to the Holy Nativity Flower Fund to decorate our nave for Christmas. For \$10.00, you can purchase a potted poinsettia. You may make a dedication to be noted with your name in the church bulletin. After Christmas you can take the poinsettia home to plant.

-----

I wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia plants.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you from the Altar Guild