



ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Episcopal Church in Kapa'au, Hawai'i

*A place to **BE** the love of God and to **FEEL** the love of God.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

December 8, 2024 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Second Sunday in Advent

Please stand as you are able.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

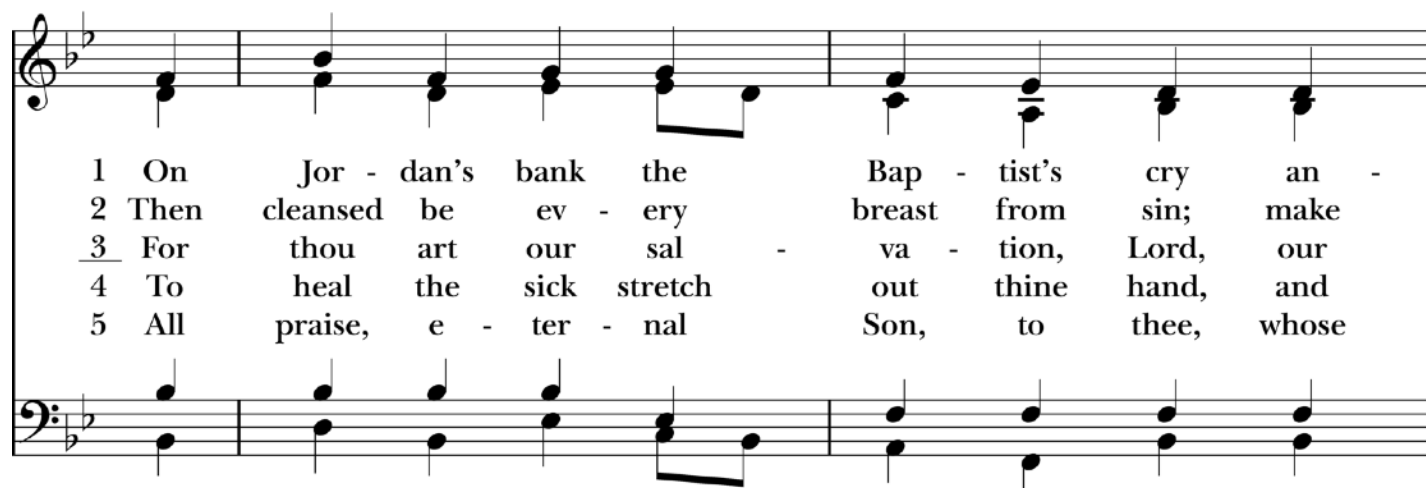
Presider On this second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles on our Advent wreath as we wait for Christ's light to be born into the world. Today, we light the candle of hope and the candle of peace. The act of pausing to light these candles brings a sense of calm and peace. And so today, we light this candle to remember that Jesus brings the promise of peace: peace in our hearts, peace between family and friends, peace between nations, peace between human beings and all of creation.

Two candles are lit.

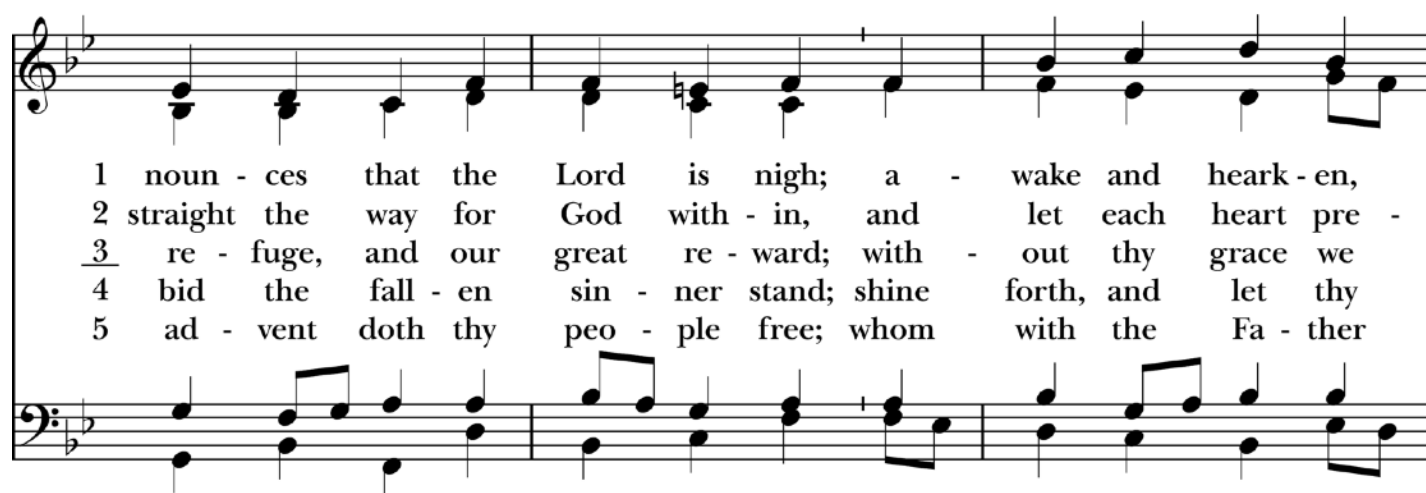
Presider In this season of waiting, let us quiet our hearts and minds. As you enjoy the light of this candle, open your heart to the peace that is already present in you. Ask God to help you find it. Invite peace into your life and into the world.

[Pause for a moment of silent reflection.]

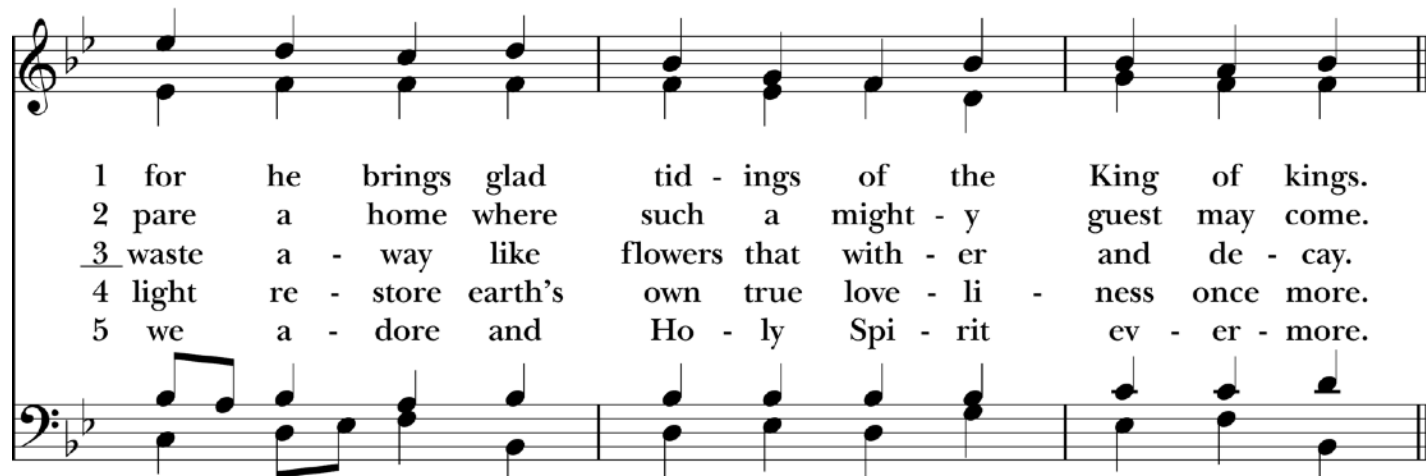
Presider Jesus, shine through us as your light of peace.



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be all God's creation, now and for ever. Amen**

Song of Praise Come, O long awaited Promise

By Mila Polevia

Am G F G Am G F E7 Am G

Come, O long a - wai - ted Pro-mise. Dwell with us as days of old. As it was, is

6 F G Dm Am E7 Am E7 A7

now, and al - ways; hope to na - tions now re-store.

10 D G D Bm F#m G D Am G

God the Fa-ther, Christ, our Bro-ther, Spi-rit, Ho - ly Com-for-ter: Bring the peace of

15 F C Dm Am E7 Am

your sal - va - tion to this world our hearts to stir.

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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
Presider Lord of the wilderness way, whose word scours our smooth evasions: take us on the unbending road to the raw canter of our world with a cry of invitation and the call of sudden grace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
Amen.

Source: *Prayers for An Inclusive Church*. Stephen Shakespeare.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader A reading from the Book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

The Canticle

Canticle 16 *The Song of Zechariah*

Reader We will read the Canticle responsively by half verse.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to this people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a nightly savior; *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers, *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship him with our fear, *

**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of God

the dawn from on high shall break up us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader Here ends the reading.

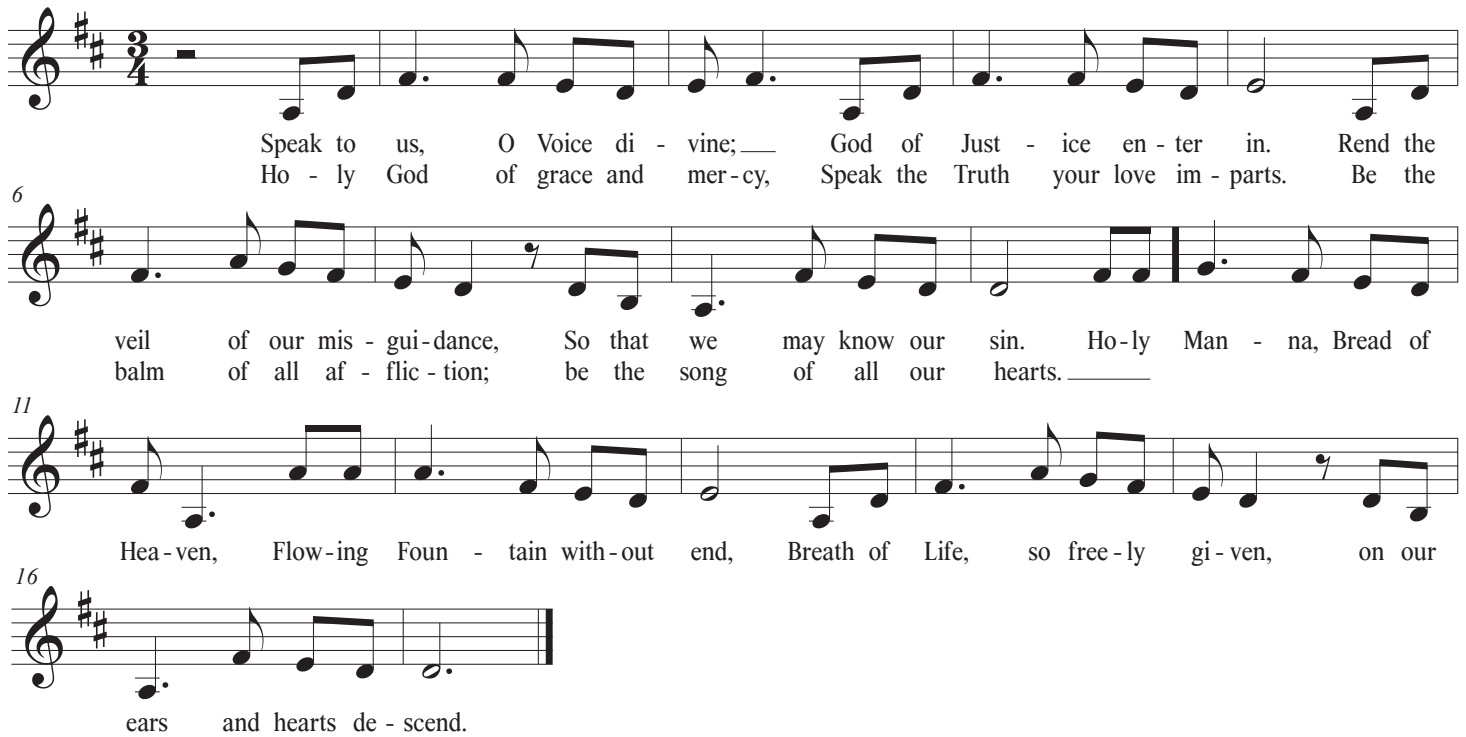
People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Holy Manna

by Mila Polevia



Speak to us, O Voice di-vine; God of Just-ice en-ter in. Rend the
Ho-ly God of grace and mer-cy, Speak the Truth your love im-parts. Be the
veil of our mis-gui-dance, So that we may know our sin. Ho-ly Man-na, Bread of
balm of all af-flic-tion; be the song of all our hearts. _____
Hea-ven, Flow-ing Foun-tain with-out end, Breath of Life, so free-ly gi-ven, on our
ears and hearts de-scend.

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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

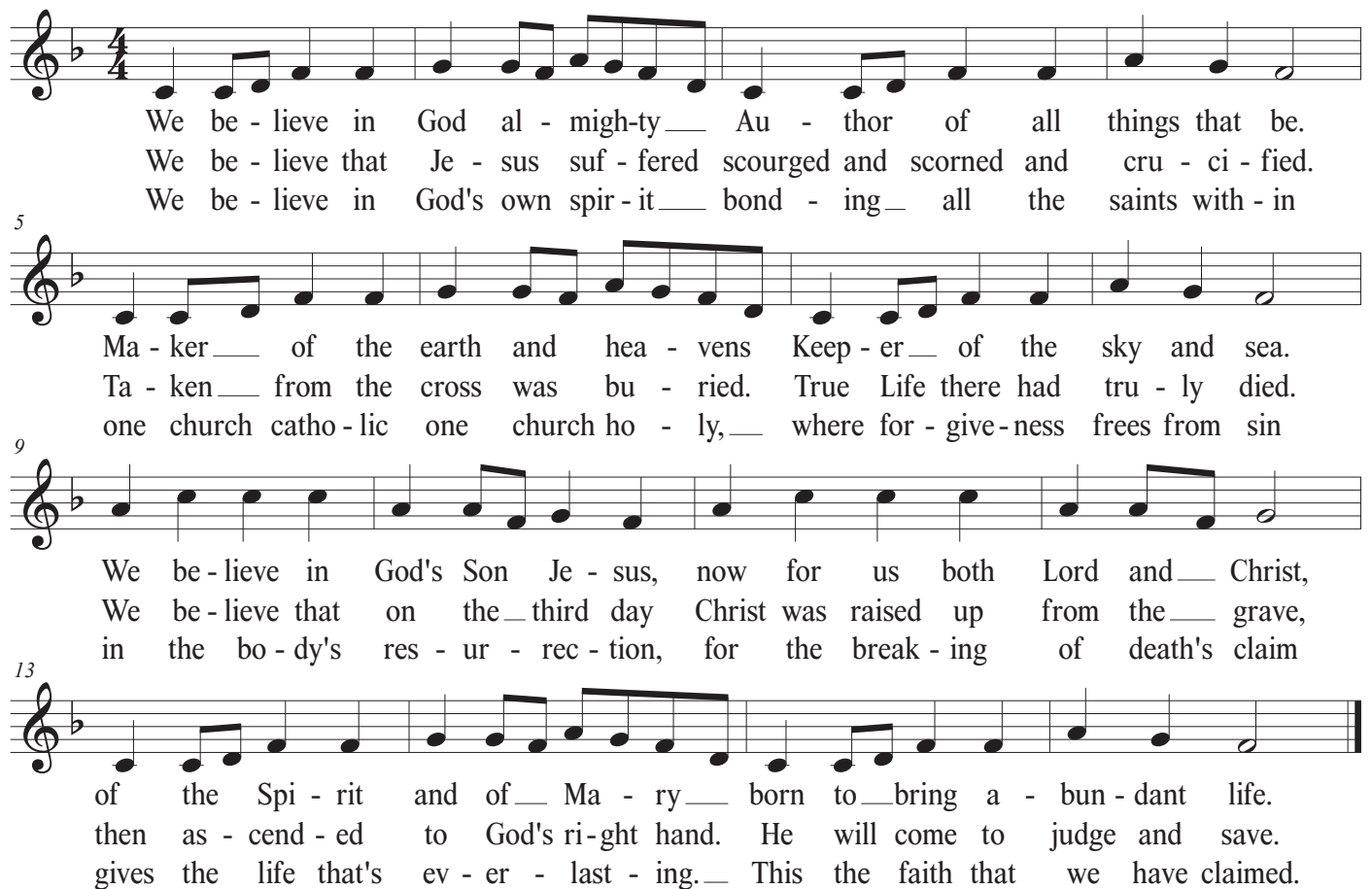
The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Masada

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. Please hand them to Deacon Lani.

Affirmation of Faith

Text set by Mila Polevia to the tune "Holy Manna"



We be - lieve in God al - migh-ty___ Au - thor of all things that be.
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied.
We be - lieve in God's own spir - it___ bond - ing___ all the saints with - in

5
Ma - ker___ of the earth and hea - vens Keep - er___ of the sky and sea.
Ta - ken___ from the cross was bu - ried. True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church catho - lic one church ho - ly,___ where for - give - ness frees from sin

9
We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and___ Christ,
We be - lieve that on the___ third day Christ was raised up from the___ grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's claim

13
of the Spi - rit and of___ Ma - ry___ born to___bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's ri - ght hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing.___ This the faith that we have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Deacon God of wonder and awe, as we watch for your signs in sun, moon and stars, we pray to you saying, "Stay with us while we wait."
For the church that watches and waits for you; for those who seek, or lead or follow, that the path be made straight for your coming.
In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders and their families, especially Jeanne Cooper and her husband Ian.
In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.
We pray for Bob our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, all bishops, clergy, lay leaders, and all members.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For our nation as it seeks its own mind, that a spirit of respect instruct those in power and those they seek to serve.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For the welfare of the whole world, that we might hold whatever is true and honorable, just or pure or pleasing in our hearts, joyfully living your vision for all of creation.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For this community, that our love may grow with knowledge and insight as we discern the gifts and the challenges of the community around us.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For all who suffer, that they may know you are near, even as they wait.
(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)
God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For the special needs and concerns, hopes and thanksgivings of the community gathered here.

(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)

God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Deacon For those who have died. For the fullness of their joy in you, and their place in the company of heaven, that they, too, may be present while we wait.

(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)

God who has come and is coming again,

People **Stay with us while we wait.**

Concluding Prayer

Presider O God of promise, we watch and we wait. Give us the courage of prophets, the joy of anticipation, and the eyes and ears to watch for your coming, day by day by day. **Amen.**

Source: Prayers of the People by Susanne Watson Epting, used by permission from the author.

Confession of Sin

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

All **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 neighbors 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.**

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

The Queen's Prayer



1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
 4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me - ne.

Translation of The Queen's Prayer: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcement of birthday and anniversary celebrations for the coming week.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
 People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All We come with offerings of our time, our money, our strength, our pleasure in one another's company. All these we bring to God in dedication and for use in the glory of the realm of God.

Offertory Hymn *Blessed be the God of Israel*

1982 Hymnal #444



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.____
the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (Advent)

by Mila Polevia

F Eb/F Bb/F F F Eb/F
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 Bb/F F Eb F Eb F
Glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

13 C Bb F Ab Eb Db Eb F
Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is spoken at the 7:00 am service and sung and the 9:00 am service

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

All **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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
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

Fraction Hymn *Agnus Dei*

by Mila Polevia

O Lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O on us. O Lamb of God that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us

peace.

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Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine.

The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. Through water, we are connected with 'āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

As you approach the front of the church, you are invited to dip a finger in the font water, turn to the person behind you, and anoint them with water, making a small cross on their forehead. If you prefer not to be anointed, simply cross your arms and the vicar will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words “The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.” Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say “the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation.”

If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say “the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.”

Receiving bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion. After receiving the sacraments, you may make the sign of the cross ✠.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.

After receiving the sacraments, you may be seated or kneel in prayer.

Communion Hymn Ho'omanao I Au

by Mila Polevia

O ke - i - a O Ko' - u Ki - no. O ke - i - a
O - A' - u no i - a o - e. O - o - e
O - wa - u no ke a - lo - ha. O - wa - u

7
o Ko' - u ko - ko. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
no ia mai ia' - u. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
no Ma - lu - hi - a. Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.

13
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.
Ho' - o - ma - na' - o I - a' - u.

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1. This is my body. This is my blood. Remember me. Remember me.
2. I am in you and you are in me. Remember me. Remember me.
3. I am Love and I am Peace. Remember me. Remember me.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

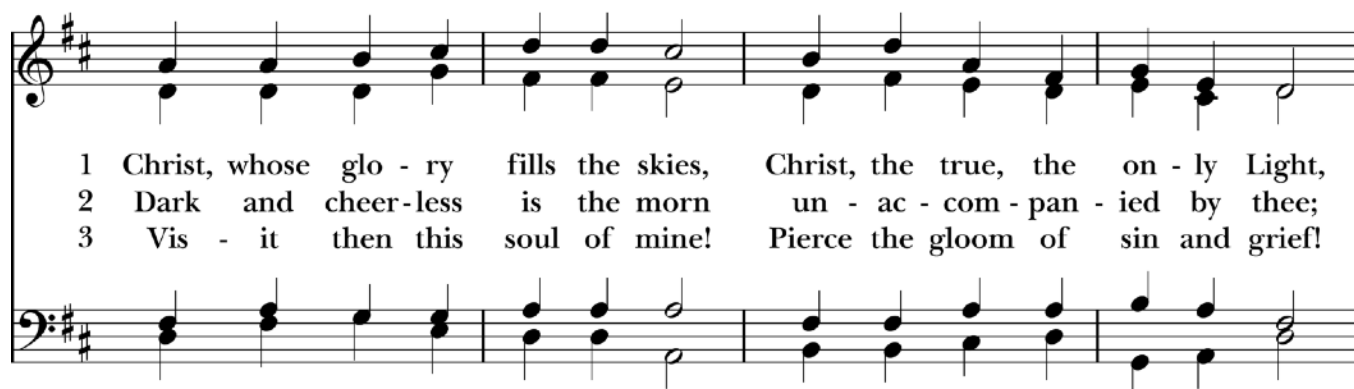
All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the light of the coming Christ shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

May the blessing of God,
the blessing of Jesus born of our sister Mary,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

[Continue with the closing hymn on the following page.]



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Naschspiel, Johannes Diebold (1842-1929)*

Kirk Corey, organ



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