



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

January 5, 2025 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Second Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Kirk Corey

Opening Hymn *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

1982 Hymnal #517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

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.**

Gloria

from the traditional hymn

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: Book of Common Prayer

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

Reader Here ends the reading.

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

The Psalm

We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 84 or 84:1-8. Quam dilecta!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader Here ends the reading.

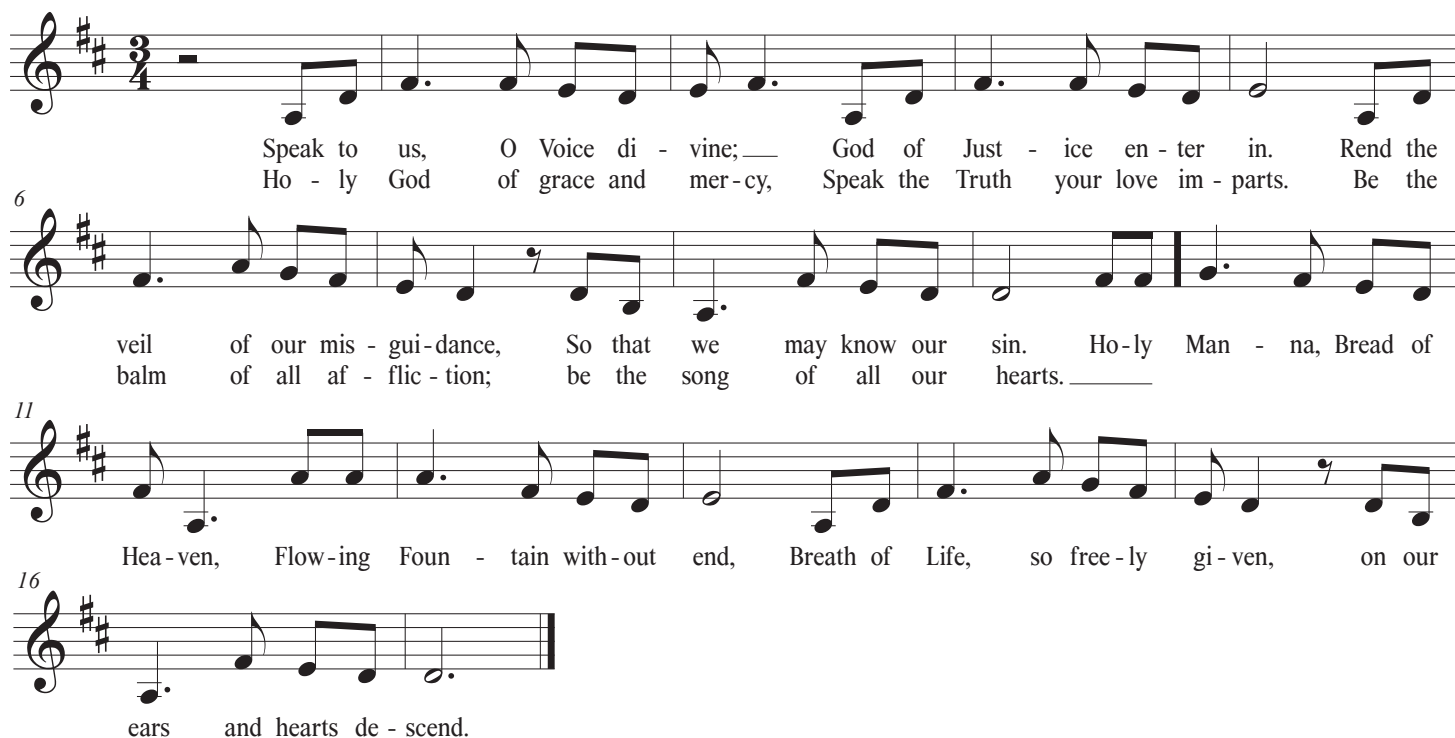
People **May Spirit open our hearts and minds.**

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

6
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. —

11
Hea - ven, Flow - ing Foun - tain with - out end, Breath of Life, so free - ly gi - ven, on our

16
ears and hearts de - scend.

The Gospel

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

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

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Christmas

Deacon God of the One who has come, your Star rises in our hearts as we make our own journey to greet you. Bring us to the humility of the stable as we join our voices in prayer.

For the church. For your people gathered here, and for those throughout the world. Remind us of what it means to be faithful, even as Mary offered her womb, Joseph, the strength of his protection, and the shepherds their awe and wonder.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For the world. For our nation and for all nations. Keep us mindful that the hopes and fears of all time, of all hearts, and of all spirits are met in You, and that you are Emanuel, God with us.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For this community. Let the light of your star illumine the shadows that hide the needs of those around us. Bring us your vision of justice and the courage to live it; the willingness to learn the names of those in need, and the compassion to respond.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For ourselves. Open us ever more deeply to your Presence. Open our eyes to see by the stable lamp that we are created in your own image. Open our ears to hear the stars that bend their voices, and blend our voices with the stones that cry in praise of you.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For our children and for children everywhere. That even as we greet the Holy Child, we may know the holy and joyous gift of their presence in our lives, and that we may come to know the Truth of your Love together.

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For those who suffer. Show them, through us, the brightness of your Star, the promise of your presence, and the Hope of your healing, that they may know, in special ways, grace upon grace.

(The people add their prayers silently or aloud.)

God hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Deacon For those who have died. We rejoice that they now live in perfect joy, their spirit voices praising your name and reminding us that the absence we know is, by your grace, made full and holy.

God of hope and promise,

People **We gather to greet you in love.**

Concluding Prayer

Presider Holy Word made flesh, you have come to us in love. Shower your light upon us, let it shine forth within us, and grant us your grace as we follow the Star to life, and hope, and promise. **Amen.**

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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.**

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.*

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 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.**

[All are invited to share the peace with one another.]

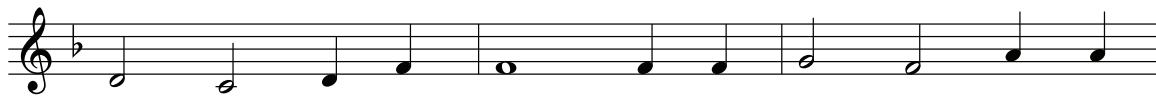
The Holy Communion

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.**



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the
 3. You shall be the path that guides us, You the
 4. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our



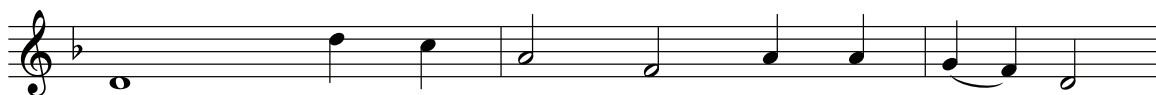
stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and
 rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
 light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all
 source and you our end; Praise to you who love and



deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -
 bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and
 peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn. For our
 nur - ture As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us



a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your
 wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -
 hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -
 all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y



might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice
 nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,
 turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,
 mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,



Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
 All your chil - dren at our door.
 We shall all your face dis - cern.
 Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

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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 7:00 am and sung at 9:00 am.]

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.

Chords: Am, F, C, G, Am, F, C, G, Am, F, C, G, Am, F, C, G, Am, F, A

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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 are enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted permission. We are connected to the 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, an attendant holding water from our font will invite you to dip a finger in the water.

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 Christ shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

May the blessing of God, our Creator,
and of the Son, our Light,
and of the Holy Spirit, our Breath
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

[The service continues with the Closing Hymn on the next page.]



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the




1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of




1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude *Lento e Maestoso*, Adolf Friedrich Hesse (1809–1863)

Kirk Corey, organ




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