

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 9am



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A Message from the Bishop

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate all those medically eligible who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and all those who continue to wear their masks in public and practice social distancing when gathering. Thank you! As Episcopalians, I am convinced this is the very minimum we as God's people can do to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) during this difficult time of a worldwide Pandemic: "*Jesus replied, "The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these." You, God's people, are truly loving your neighbor through these righteous deeds.

Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick

Gathering Music and Prelude: Selections offered by Samuel Chen

Introit (Hymn #56) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verses 7 & 8” (Choir)

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn # 66 “Come Thou long expected Jesus.” (*Choir*)

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

The Lessons:

The people are seated for the readings of the day. Lessons as appointed are read, the Reader first saying:

The First Reading

1st Reader: “A Reading from Micah” (5:2-5a)

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15

*The Reader will begin. The congregation will read every other line, as noted by the **asterisks**.*

The Song of Mary Magnificat -- Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

*From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him

in every generation.

*He has shown the strength of his arm,

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

*The promise he made to our fathers,

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Second Reading

2nd Reader: "A Reading from Hebrews" (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He

abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Steele

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

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 The 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 Richard, the Townsend Family, Norma & Carlos, Godwin, Hanahan & Makena, Sylvia, Ryan, Blake, Bruce, Olga & Yuri, Taghi, Susan K., Erwin, Heather, Wayne, Jeff & Kristi, Eugene & Lois, and Lora V. We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing employment or housing challenges. We pray for those who have suffered hardship and loss due natural disasters.

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

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 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 Priest stands and 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.*

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 “When we all get to Heaven.” (Choir)

The Choir will lead, the congregation is welcome to join in.

REFRAIN When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place. **Refrain**

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky; but when trav'ling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh. **Refrain**

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay. **Refrain**

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.
Refrain

Making our Creche ready.

Those appointed to place figures in the Creche will come forward, at this time.

Please place your offerings in the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks made out to Holy Nativity OR by using the blue button on our website homepage to make your offering online www.holynativityhawaii.org Thank you!

The Hawaiian Doxology

[video]

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

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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

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 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 bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. If you choose to receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it.

If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

The bread is given to communicants with these words:

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

Communion song: Selections offered by Samuel Chen

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 & Blessing

The Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn # 60 “Creator of the Stars of Night” (Choir)

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude: Selection offered by Samuel Chen

Ministry Team for Today's Service: Thank you, all!

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

Eucharistic minister: Kim Garner

1st Reader: Alison Kittle

2nd Reader: Justin Donahue

Usher: Austin Nakoa **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung

Altar Guild: Moore/Livingston Teams

Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Guest Pianist: Samuel Chen

Bookkeeper: Wil Ching

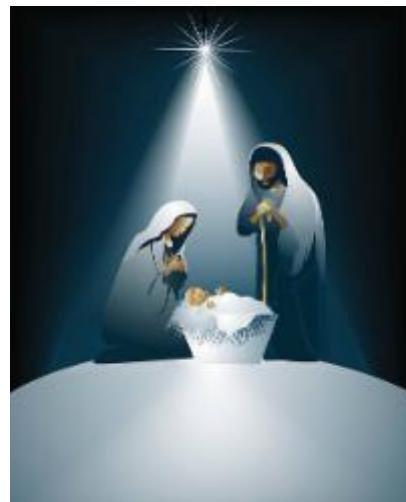
Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

JOIN US ON FRIDAY!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Friday, December 24th at 5:00PM

Followed by a Lovely Light Supper!



We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our service today. **If you are attending in person, please fill out the welcome card in the pew and turn it in to the usher after the service.** If you are attending online, please feel free to join us for our virtual coffee hour following the service.