

**The 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 5PM**

*Family Sunday*



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## Gathering Music

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

### The Prelude “My Cup Runneth Over” (Lani Smith)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Those lighting the wreath will come forward. As the instrumental music plays, the reader will begin speaking; the congregation will make the responses indicated in bold, below. After the candles are lit, the congregation will join in singing the final verse, below.*

Leader: In a world torn asunder by violence, Jesus says, “No more.”

**People: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’”**

Leader: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, “No more.”

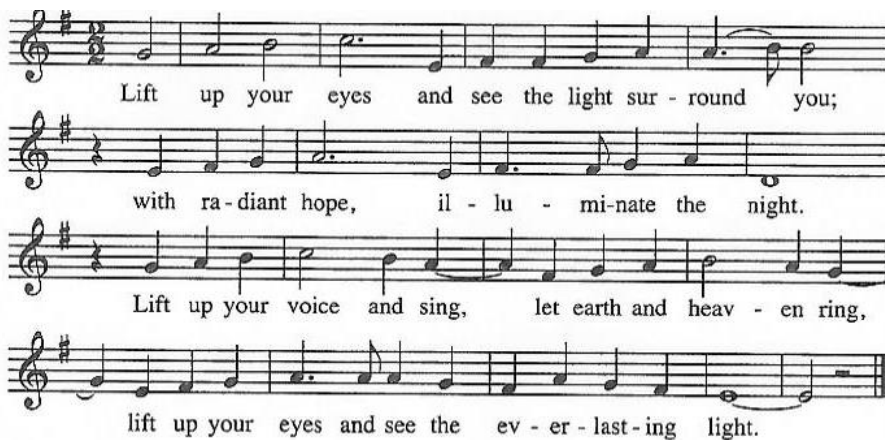
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This morning we light three candles. In a world where darkness abounds, the light of the **first candle** radiates the hope of God’s unfailing promise. As we light the **second candle**, we long for god’s perfect peace to calm our souls and end our wars. As we light the **third candle**, we seek to share with others the love God has shown us through the gift of Jesus Christ.

### Introit “Lift Up Your Eyes” (Joel Raney)



*There will be a brief pause as we prepare for the processional hymn.*

### Opening Hymn “Soon and Very Soon”

Anie Lawyer, Music Leader

*Please join in singing out first hymn – words and music on next page.*

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there,  
 3 No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon

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Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## **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 Lessons**

### **The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!"  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 146:4-9**

*Please read responsively. The reader will begin with the even numbered verses*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed

in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see?  
A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

The Reverend Libby Berman

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*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 (taken from The Church of England's "Times & Seasons")**

*The congregation will please respond to each bidding with the response, "Lord, have mercy."*

Watchful at all times,  
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence  
before our Maker and Redeemer.  
That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish among the nations  
his sceptre of righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures  
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,  
restore the sick  
and raise up all who have fallen,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn  
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the saints in light,  
we may shine forth as lights for the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray  
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

*A moment of silence is kept. The celebrant concludes with the following.*

Almighty God,  
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may he come again to find in us  
the completion of his redeeming work;  
for he is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 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!



*"Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord."*

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 to Holy Nativity. Mahalo!

### Offertory Song "Light One Candle"

Amie Lawyer, Music Leader

*Please join in singing.*

A musical score for the Offertory Song "Light One Candle". The score is written on three staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is in D major. The lyrics are: "1. Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for", "2. Light one can-dle for peace, one bright can-dle for", "3. Light one can-dle for joy, one bright can-dle for", "4. Light one can-dle for love, one bright can-dle for". The second staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is in D major. The lyrics are: "hope. peace, joy, love, He brings hope to ev - 'ry heart. He", "He brings peace to ev - 'ry heart, He", "He brings joy to ev - 'ry heart, He", "He brings love to ev - 'ry heart, He". The third staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is in D major. The lyrics are: "comes! comes! comes! comes! He He He He comes! comes! comes! comes!". The score includes chord markings: D, A7, D, G, D, A7, D.



## The Hawaiian Doxology

*All are welcome to join in the singing.*



Ho-o - na-ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -  
7  
ku-a mau Ho-o-mai ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ä - me-ne.

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

*From "Enriching our Worship 1"*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

We praise you and 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:

*Celebrant and People:*

## Sanctus WLP #858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
heaven 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. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

*The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to 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 the wine to be consecrated.*

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**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

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.

*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.

*You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn either toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice, (Please take a sip, but do not “intinct” or “dip.”). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you approach.*

## **Communion Music “Nu Oli”**

Amie Lawyer, Soloist

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together:*

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 and Blessing**

## **Closing Hymn “He Came Down”**

Amie Lawyer, Music Leader

*Please join in song – words and music on the next page.*

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down  
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down  
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down  
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down

that we may have love; he came down that we may  
 that we may have light; he came down that we may  
 that we may have peace; he came down that we may  
 that we may have joy; he came down that we may

have love;  
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 have joy;  
 hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

### The Dismissal

*Deacon or Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of Spirit.

*The people:* Thanks be to God.

### The Postlude "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (Mark Hayes)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

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**Reader:** Olesya Noerper **Eucharistic Minister:** Lila Johnson

**Usher:** Jack Tonaki **Altar Guild:** Braham Team

Please join us next Sunday for the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18th at 9am for a visit & message from  
**The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick**  
 (In person & on Zoom)