

Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 5pm
Family Sunday



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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 Prelude: Selections offered by Samuel Chen (piano)

Introit (Hymn #56) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verses 5 & 6”

(Dr. Cat and the HNS Choir)

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.

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.

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.*

Opening song: “Magic Penny” Dr. Cat and the HNS Choir

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

REFRAIN: Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!
It's just like a magic penny--Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many...they'll roll all over the floor. For...

REFRAIN

Money's dandy and we like to use it, but love is better if you don't refuse it.
It's a treasure and you'll never lose it unless you lock up your door. For...

REFRAIN

So let's go dancing till the break of day, and if there's a piper, we can pay.
For love is something if you give it away--you end up having more!

REFRAIN

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 Zephaniah” (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

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

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
*And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*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 Philippians” (4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,

"Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

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, Hanohano & 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 due to the recent rains & flooding.

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, especially the **Rev. George Lee**, who served as a priest in the Diocese of Hawaii from 1966 through his retirement years.

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: “Bless the Lord, O my Soul”

by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

(Dr. Cat and the HNS Choir) *The Choir will lead, the congregation is welcome to join in.*

REFRAIN: Bless the Lord oh my soul--Oh my soul. Worship His Holy Name!
Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy Name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass--and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

REFRAIN

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

REFRAIN

And on that day--when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore, forevermore.

REFRAIN 2X

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

Offered by Dr. Cat

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.

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.*

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 Music: 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 Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Song: “His Banner Over Me is Love” (Dr. Cat and the HNS Choir)

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| 1. The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!

2. He brought me to His banqueting
table
His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting
table
His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting
table | His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!
3. He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
He is the vine and we are the branches
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love!

4. Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
Jesus is the rock of my salvation
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love! |
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The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude: “Ho’omaika’i ika Mauka” Offered by Dr. Cat

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

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

Eucharistic minister: Lila Johnson

Reader: Taireva Thompson

Usher: Ed Moore **Intercessor:** Isaish Zitz

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung

Altar Guild: Braham Team

Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Guest Pianist: Samuel Chen

Bookkeeper: Wil Ching

Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

The FOURTH Sunday of Advent

December 19th at 9:00am (in Person & on Zoom)



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.