

The 1st Sunday *after* Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 9am



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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Opening Hymn #83 (verses 1-3) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says,

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

The Gloria

The Book of Common Prayer p. 356

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

The First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

*Please read responsively. The reader will begin with the odd-numbered verses. The congregation will read verses in **bold**.*

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn #115 "What Child is This"

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

Front cover of The Book of Common Prayer

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

The Prayers of the People: Adapted from the Church of England's *Times and Seasons*

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Loving God, in this holy season, your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, Mary brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. We remember, especially, those on our parish prayer list.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in Ukraine, in Gaza, in Sudan, and in all the world.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God, **hear our prayer**

In this holy season, Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, in this holy season, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The priest adds a collect.

The Peace

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

'O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me 'oukou.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)

The People respond.

A me 'oe pū nō ho'i.

(And also with you!)

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread, Amen.

Offertory Anthem "Von Guten Mächten" By Gracious Power Wonderfully Sheltered
Lyrics by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Christmas Doxology *All are welcome to join in the singing.*

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, God's on new* - ly - born Son.

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er - with us. Praise the God - head, Three in - One.

Clear a path! Pre-prepare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One. God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and

earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed

is the one who comes. Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

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.

The Fraction S-154

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of the God.

At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only or both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your chest as you approach.

Communion Anthem “Beginnings” by Jason Krug

Ina Young, piano

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says E pule kākou. 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 Hymn #99 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

~POINSETTIA FLOWER DEDICATIONS~

Kim Garner -- *Dedicated to my Parents and Grandparents.*

Beverly Toomey -- *Dedicated to all my deceased ohana, and to all my living ohana.*

Jean Yee -- *In memory of Melvin and Laurie with thanksgiving.*

David Callies -- *Dedicated to Anna & Gustav Callies and Norven & Phyllis Garrett.*

Lila Johnson – *In loving memory of Dr. Elmer Johnson and Gail Peterson.*

Chandi Hinrichs -- *For my Friends and Family.*

Jan & Kip Jones -- *In memory of our son Richard Christian, who died on December 26, 1972.*

Jack and Sharon Tonaki – *In Thanksgiving*

Elizabeth Cunningham – *In loving memory of my parents, Francis & Daisy Cunningham.*

Sandra Braham -- *In Loving Memory of James & Roann Ednie and Betty Jo Torres and In Honor of James's Birthday.*

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

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kim Garner

**Readers:** Noel Donahue & Justin Donahue

**Usher:** Rich Miller

**Technical team:** Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young

**Join us *next* Sunday, for the Second Sunday *after* Christmas Day**

**Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 9am**

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Parish Prayer List: Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Peter, Gia, Kevin, Michael, Carol, Lorraine, Cora, Malia, and the family of Michelle Hanapi.