First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

November 29, 2026 9:00 am



Church of the Holy Nativity
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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

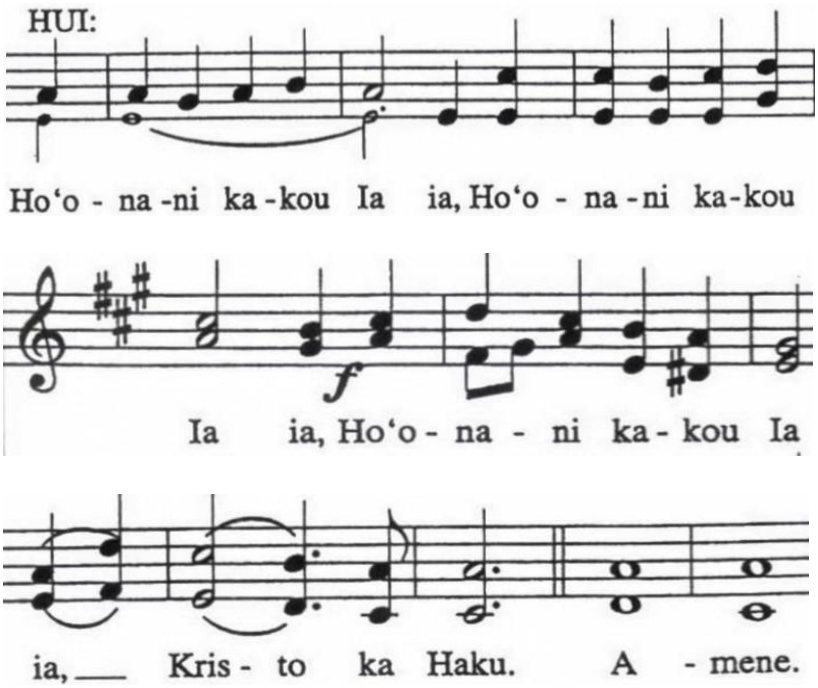
Prelude Partita on "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Don Freudenberg (organ) Ina Young

Opening Hymn #54 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Those lighting the wreath will come forward and light the Advent wreath.

Celebrant O Light of the World, may this light awaken in us expectant hearts as we wait for the coming of the Savior.
People Amen.

Gloria



The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The leader will begin. The congregation will please read responsively the verses in bold.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual "Hope Before Us"

Hope before us, hope behind us,
hope under our feet.
Hope within us, hope over us,
let all around us be peace.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Hope before us, hope behind us,
hope under our feet.
Hope within us, Hope over us,
let all around us be hope.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend. Jennifer Latham

The Nicene Creed Found on the FRONT cover *or* flap of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI The Book of Common Prayer, p.392

The priest adds a concluding 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!)

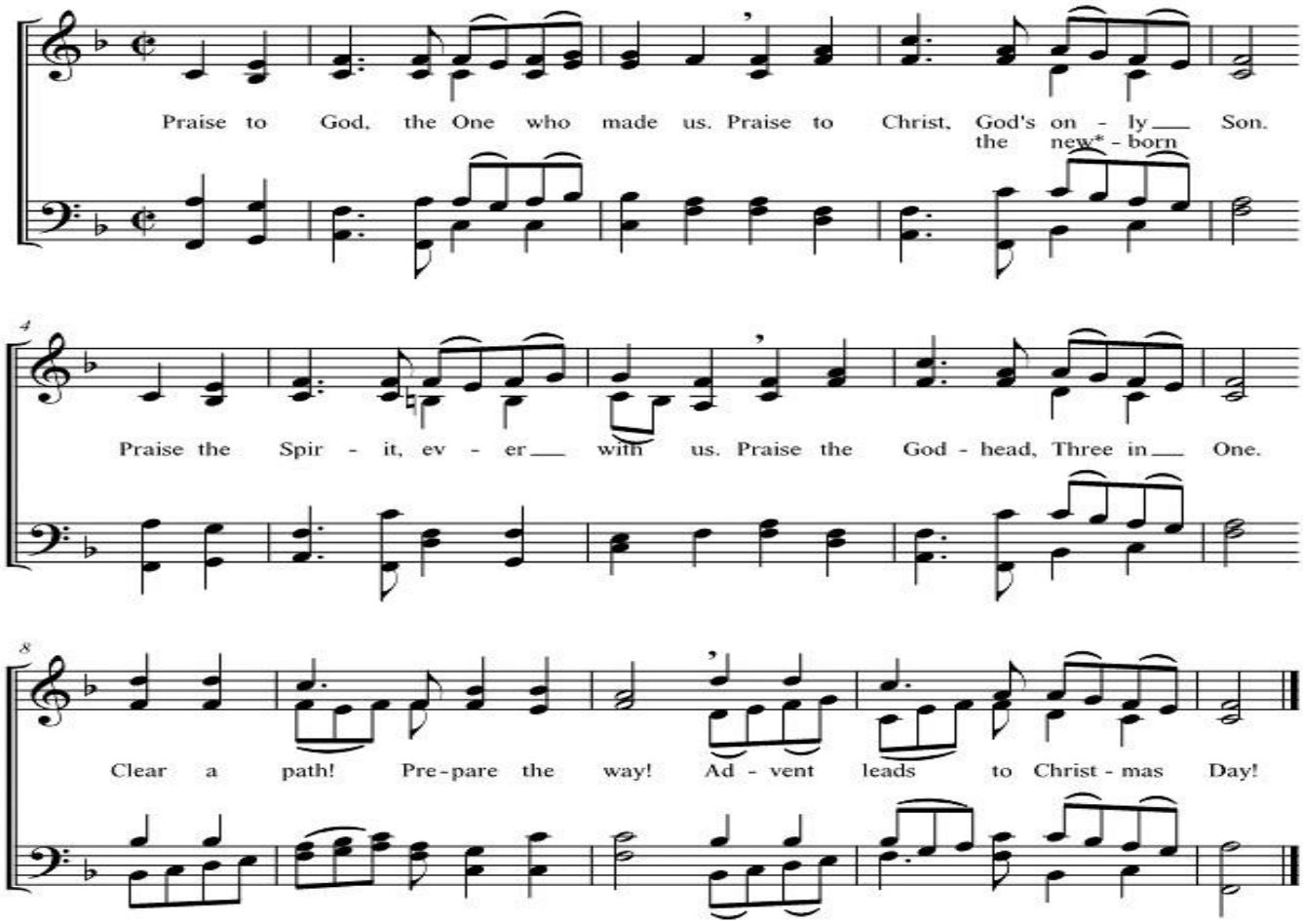
The People respond.
A me `oe pū nō ho`i.
(And also with you!)

The Offertory Sentence
"Offer to God a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High." Psalm 50:14
Please place your offerings into the koa bowl as the ushers bring it by.

For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to:
Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Mahalo!

Offertory Music "All Earth is Hopeful" Instrumental

The Advent Doxology

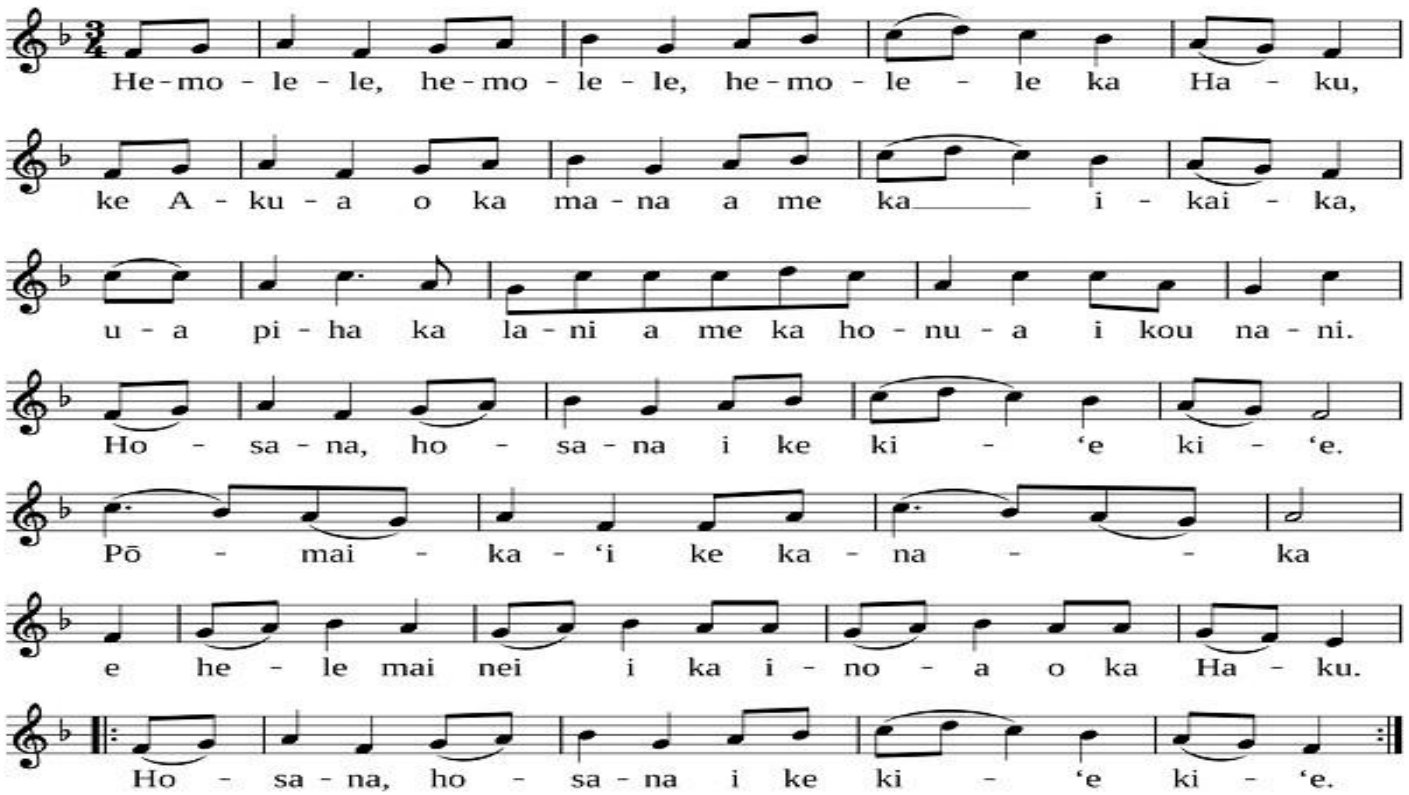


The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B The Book of Common Prayer, p.367

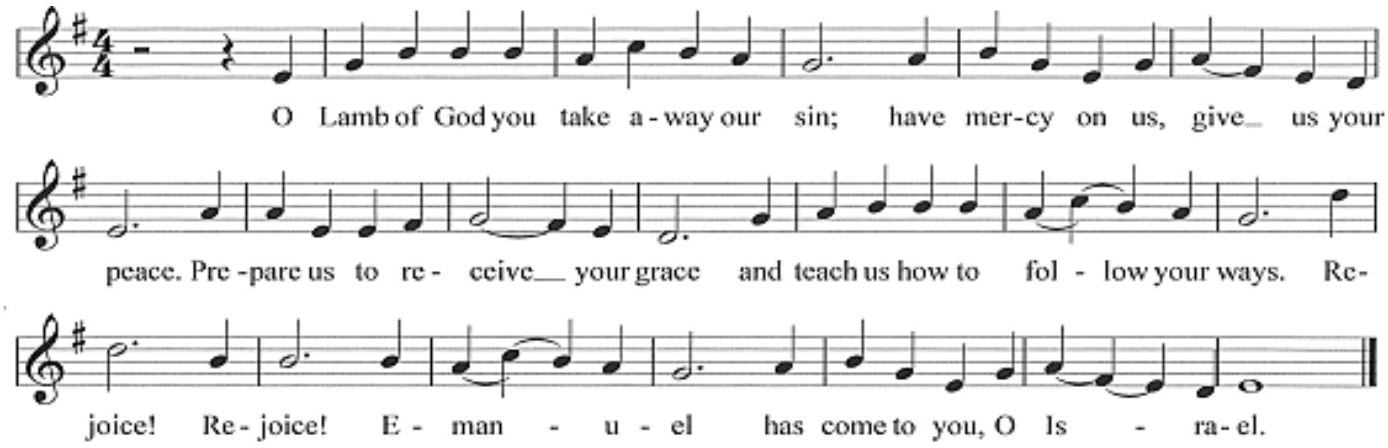
Celebrant and People:

The Sanctus "Hemolele"



The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction



The Celebrant says
Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Poʻe o Ke Akua. / The gifts of God for the people of 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 heart as you approach.*

Communion Anthem "Advent Meditation" by Jason Krug (piano)

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says **E pule kākou. Let us pray.**
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 Announcements & The Blessing The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Closing Hymn #66 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The Dismissal
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Partita on "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Don Freudenberg (organ) Ina Young

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Clergy: The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Readers: Juliet Cuadra & Beverly Toomey
Eucharistic Minister: Lila Johnson **Intercessor**: Kathy Otani
Usher: Rich Miller **Acolyte**: Bella Salas
Technical team: Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain
Music Director: Ina Young **Instrumentalist**: Amie.

Join us next Sunday, December 6, 2026 for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

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Parish Prayer List
Nancy & Pete, Sandra & Mike, Lisa May, Sandra, Candace, Shawn, Geoff, and Craig & Frieda.
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Next **Sunday December 6th**, after service, we will dedicate the new kitchen and unveil a plaque to say *Mahalo* to Bill Seeley for all he has done for us. Fun, Food and Fellowship to follow!

On SATURDAY, December 12th we will have a **Family Sunday service at 5:00 pm**,
Followed by a Soup & Bread dinner.
Youth 6th grade and older are invited to spend the night in the Nave and cheer for the Marathoners in the morning!
If your child is interested in this event, please contact Rev. Jenn.
revjenn.hnc@gmail.com

On Tuesday, December 24th we will have a Christmas Eve service at **5:00 pm.**