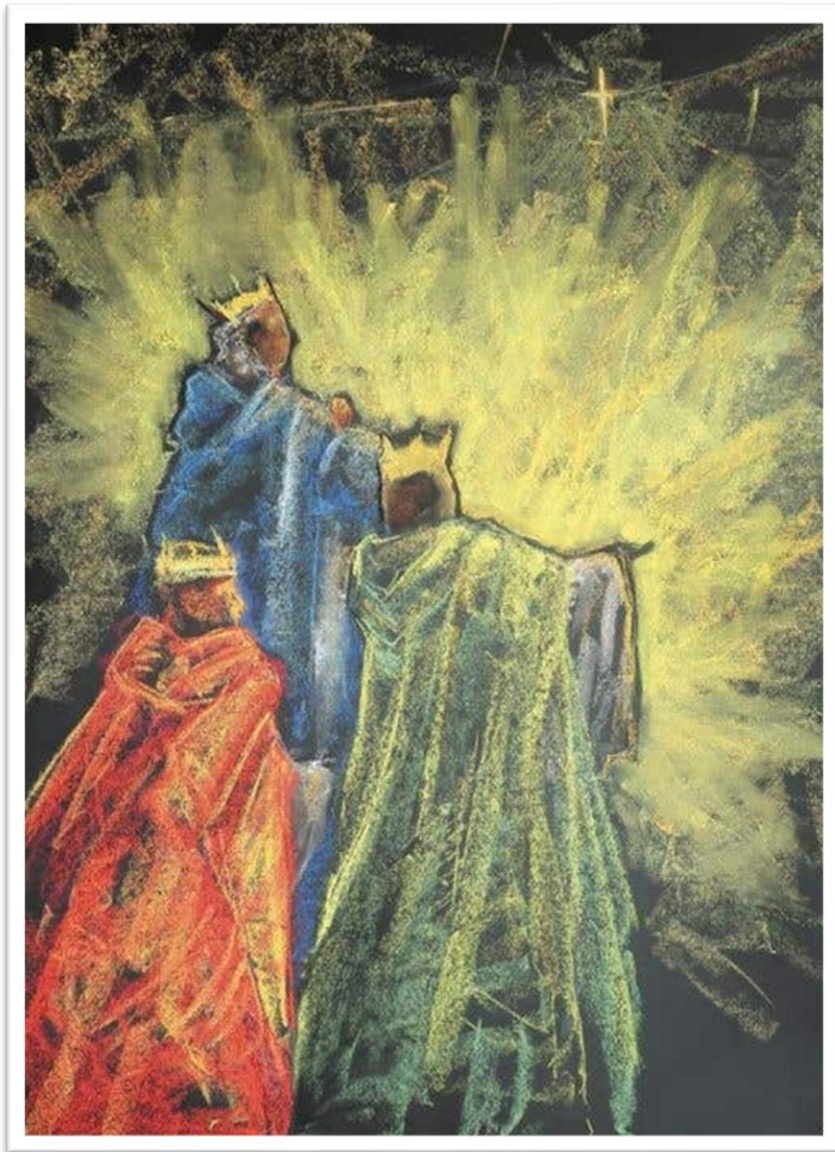


The 2nd Sunday *after* Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 4, 2025 at 9am



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

Prelude Music “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” by Jason Krug

Ina Young, piano

Opening Hymn#93 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Please sing along with the Choir!

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Please be seated for the readings of the day.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by

brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

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

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart

enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

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The Gradual #82 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the Gospel, the Priest 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 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.

1 C G7 2 C G7

Step by step we walk in light, at Ho-ly Na-ti-vi-ty.

5 3 C G7 4 C G7 last time only

As we start a brand new year, God is al-ways near!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a four-part choir. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two measures, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has two measures, with the second measure marked 'last time only'. Chord symbols 'C' and 'G7' are written above the vocal lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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-ly Son.
the new*-born

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

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a four-part choir. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The score is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

The Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer

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

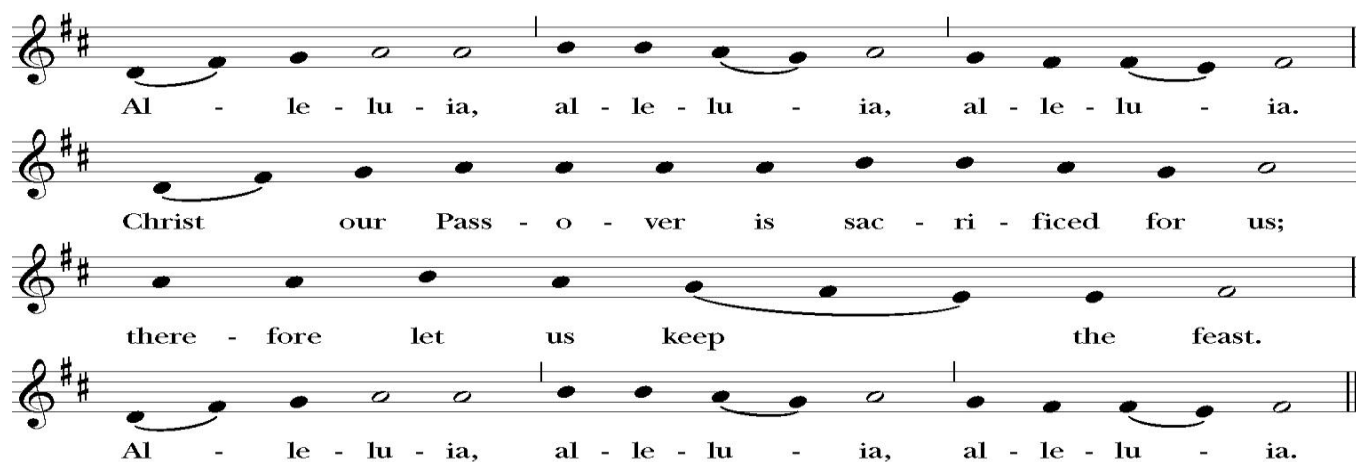
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Offered by Amie, guitar

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 #107 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Nu Oli”

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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:** Zoe Muenzer & Dan Muenzer

**Intercessor:** Kathy Otani **Usher:** Jack Tonaki

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

**Music Director:** Ina Young **Instrumentalist:** Amie

**The HNC Choir**

Join us *next* Sunday, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday *after* the Epiphany / The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

*Family Sunday*

Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 9am

***SAVE THE DATE***

**Annual Parish Meeting -- Sunday, January 25, 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, Patti, and the family of Michelle Hanapi.