

# Third Epiphany Sunday

Sunday January 23, 2022



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(Masks required during services, Thank-you!)

## Gathering Music & Prelude: Selection by Samuel Chen

### Opening Hymn # 7 “Christ Whose Glory fills the Skies”

*Virtual Choir*

### Opening Acclamation

*The people rise in body or in spirit, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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 following is said in unison.*

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*The people are seated for the readings of the day. The Reader first saying:*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reader: “A reading from Nehemiah.” (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

## Psalm 19

**Reader:** "We will read **Psalm 19**, responsively. I will read the odd-numbered verses; the congregation will read the "**even-numbered verses**."

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
    and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,  
    and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,  
    and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
    and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
    it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
    it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
    and runs about to the end of it again;  
    nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
    and revives the soul;  
    the testimony of the LORD is sure  
    and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
    and rejoice the heart;  
    the commandment of the LORD is clear  
    and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
    and endures for ever;  
    the judgments of the LORD are true  
    and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: “A Reading from 1 Corinthians.” (12:12-31a)**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one

member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

## **Gospel: Luke (4:14 - 21)**

*All standing in body or in spirit, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel.*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

### The Creed

*Please rise in body or in spirit, 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 III**

*The Intercessor will begin, the congregation is invited to join in the responses printed in italics.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Dorie & Agenhart, Ulu, 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 and loss due to natural disasters & inclement weather.

Please add your own petitions, either silently or out loud.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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 congregations.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.



## **The Offertory**

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](http://www.holynativityhawaii.org)

*Thank you!*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

## **The Offertory Hymn # 135 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

Virtual Choir

## The Hawaiian Doxology

[Led by HNC Choir]

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

### Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p.361)

*The People remain standing.*

*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 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

The Holy Eucharist II  
Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Sanctus*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,  
    forever 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.

**S 154****The Holy Eucharist****Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover**

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The Celebrant says*

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: Selection by Samuel Chen****The Post-Communion Prayer**

*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 and Blessing:** The Reverend Libby Berman

**The Closing Hymn #778 “We all are one in mission”**  
*Virtual Choir*

**1** We all are one in mission,  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ’s love.

**2** We all are called for service  
to witness in God’s name.  
Our ministries are diff’rent,  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
by God’s surprising grace,  
so people of all nations may feel  
God’s warm embrace.

**3** We all behold one vision,  
a stark reality;  
the steward of salvation  
was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice  
gives rise that we may share  
free reconciliation  
and hope amid despair.

**4** Now let us be united  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God’s redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission,  
we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all

**The Dismissal:**

*Celebrant*                    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*                      Thanks be to God.

**The Postlude Music:** Selection by Samuel Chen

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

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

**Eucharistic minister:** Louisa LeRoux **Readers:** Jean Steele, Ed Moore

**Usher:** Austin Nakoa **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

**Technical team:** Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Alex Picken, and Thomas Campello

**Altar Guild:** Moore Team

### Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Guest Pianist: Samuel Chen

Bookkeeper: Wil Ching

Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

**Please join us for the FORTH SUNDAY after  
The EPIPHANY  
January 30, 2022 at 9AM (in person & online)**



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.