

**The 4th Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 9am**



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Gathering Music

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

The Prelude “God of Grace , God of Glory” (Mary McDonald)

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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Those lighting the wreath will come forward. The choir will sing an opening verse. As the instrumental music continues, the reader will begin speaking; the congregation will make the responses indicated in bold, below. After the candles are lit, the congregation will join the choir in singing the final verse, below.

Leader: During Advent, We remember the light that shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

People: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

Leader: For all who face the sting of loss, God’s word speaks:

People: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

Leader: For all who wrestle with the unknown of tomorrow, God’s word speaks:

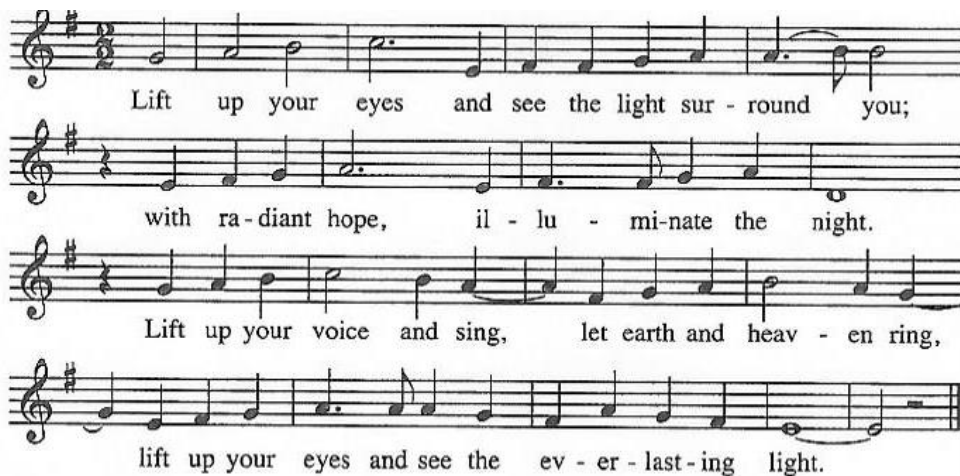
People: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

Leader: For all who battle the questions that arise in the silence, God’s word speaks.

People: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

This morning we light four candles. When the darkness of life feels overwhelming, the **first candle** ignites our hope in God’s unfailing truth. When the chaos of life seems all-consuming, the light of the **second candle** reveals the Prince of Peace. When humanity responds with senseless acts and hurtful words, the light of the **third candle** radiates God’s command of to love as we have been loved. The **fourth candle** reminds us that no matter what our circumstances, there is joy in the coming Christ who opens our eyes to the everlasting light.

Introit “Lift Up Your Eyes” (Joel Raney)



There will be a brief pause as we prepare for the processional hymn.

Opening Hymn #66 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Please join the Choir in singing out first hymn.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

“Qui Sedes Domine” (Dmitri Bortniansky)
Choral offering by the HNC Choir

- 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.

The Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

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People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #654 "Day by Day"

Please join the Choir in singing this hymn.

The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People (taken from The Church of England's "Times & Seasons")

The congregation will please respond to each bidding with the response, "Lord, have mercy."

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick

and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list:
Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Susan K., Sandy T.A., Deiter, Lora V., John A., Dorie & Agenhart, Ron M., Wayne, Heather, Erwin, John, Todd, Elaine, Tom, Sue, Kate, MTT, Nancy Y., Larry T., Peggy, Kitten & Grace, Teri & Phillip.
Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

A moment of silence is kept. The celebrant concludes with the following.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Queen's Prayer (*Ke Aloha O Ka Haku*) by Queen Lili'uokalani

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i - ka la - ni,
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a,
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka,
 4. No - lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo kou 'ē - he - u,

A 'o Kou 'o - ia 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o.
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō. 'Ā - me-ne.

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!



"Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord."

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 to Holy Nativity. Mahalo!

Offertory Music "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Mark Hayes)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

The Hawaiian Doxology

All are welcome to join in the singing.

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. 'Ā - me-ne.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

From "Enriching our Worship 1"

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars: Earth, winds, and waters: and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels, in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
Lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus WLP #858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, _____

heaven 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. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.

The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself. Yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross, the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to 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 the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, To you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice. (Please take a sip, but do not "intinct" or "dip."). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

Communion Anthem "Our Father" (John McCreary)

HNC Choir

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together:

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

Closing Hymn #72 “Hark the Glad Sound”

Please join the Choir in our closing hymn.

The Dismissal

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

The people Thanks be to God.

The Postlude “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Mark Hayes)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

We wish to thank Bishop Bob for visiting us today and sharing his holiday message!

Special Mahalo to Alison & Doug Kittle for the beautiful flowers that grace our Nave.

Preacher and Celebrant: The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

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

Readers: 1st Alison Kittle & 2nd Justin Donahue **Eucharistic Minister:** Rick Fung

Intercessor: Stephen Noerper

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Altar Guild:** Garner Team

Music Director: Chris Suzuki **Keyboards:** Lorraine Yamamoto

Technical team: Alex Picken and Thomas Campello

**Please join us Saturday December 24th for our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service &
Sunday December 25th for our 9:00am Christmas Day Service
(In person & on Zoom)**