

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 9am



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A Message from the Bishop

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate all those medically eligible who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and all those who continue to wear their masks in public and practice social distancing when gathering. Thank you! As Episcopalians, I am convinced this is the very minimum we as God's people can do to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) during this difficult time of a worldwide Pandemic: "Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these." You, God's people, are truly loving your neighbor through these righteous deeds.

Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick

Gathering Prelude: A Selection offered by Samuel Chen

Introit (Hymn #56) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verses 1 & 2” (*Choir*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom
Captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile
Here until the Son of God appear.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest
All things mightily; to us the path of knowledge
Show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Those lighting the wreath will come forward.

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord, and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this life; for the love of your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

The Trisagion (spoken three times)

People Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One. Have mercy upon us.

The Advent wreath is lit. Members of the congregation return to their seats.

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*

Hymn of Praise (Hymn # 59) “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding.”

The following hymn is led by the choir; the congregation may join in.

The Lessons:

The people are seated for the readings of the day. Lessons as appointed are read, the Reader first saying:

The First Reading

1st Reader: “A Reading from Jeremiah” (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25

Reader: “We will read **Psalm (25:1-9)**, *responsively*. I will read the odd verses, please follow with the even verses.”

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

2nd Reader: “A Reading from 1 Thessalonians” (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 21:35-36

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

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 II The Book of Common Prayer, p. 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially **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.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant begins. The people will join in.

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 congregation.*

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

The Offertory

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

The Offertory Music (Hymn #74) “Blest be the King whose coming.”

The Choir will lead, the congregation is welcome to join in.

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

Thank you!

The Hawaiian Doxology

[video]

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

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and says 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

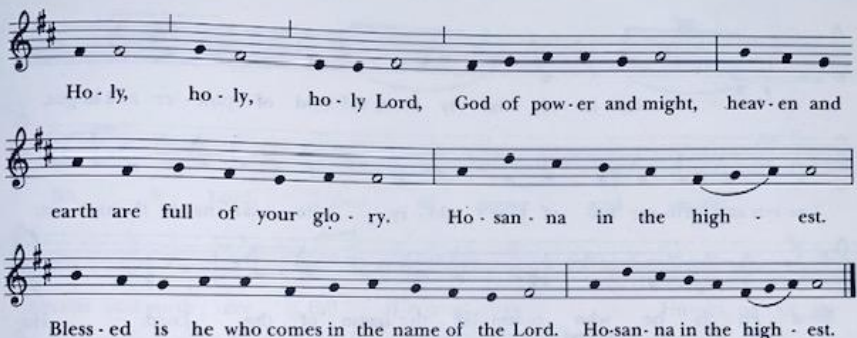
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your dearly beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*



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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,
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.

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 song: Selections offered by Samuel Chen

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 & Blessing

The Reverend Libby Berman

Closing Hymn: “My Lord what a Morning!” *Choir*

Words and music found on last page of the Bulletin.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude: Selection offered by Samuel Chen

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

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

Eucharistic minister: Rick Fung

1st Reader: David Callies

2nd Reader: Justin Donahue

Usher: Austin Nakoia **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Adrienne Fung

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

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th 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.