

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

November 30, 2025 9:00 am



“Mary” in Gaza, photographer unknown

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

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.

The Noerper Family Family

Celebrant Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O God, 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 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 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

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

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual WLP #795 "Come now, O Prince of Peace"

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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 IV

The Book of Common Prayer, p.388

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

The priest 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 neighbor 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 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

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.

Offertory Music “All Earth is Hopeful”

The Advent Doxology

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!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system has a treble and bass staff. The third system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer, p.369

Celebrant and People:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction



The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e 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

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 Libby Berman

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’” by Don Freudenberg

Ina Young, organ

Thank you for joining us today!

Our beautiful altar flowers are an offering from Daughters of the King.

Ministry Team for Today's Service

Lighting our Advent candles today: The Noerper Family

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

Readers: David Callies & Lila Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Stikeleather **Intercessor:** Kim Garner

Usher: Rich Miller **Acolyte:** Juliet Cuadra

Technical team: Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain

Music Director: Ina Young with Amie.

Join us next Sunday, December 7, 2025 for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

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**Parish Prayer List**

Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Peter, Gia, Kevin, Michael, and Carol

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

On Sunday, December 14th we will have a Family Sunday service at **11:00 am**,
after the Honolulu Marathon slows down.

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

On Thursday, December 25th we will have a Christmas Day spoken service, with a cappella hymns,
in Monteiro Chapel at **10:00 am**