

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

December 21, 2025 9:00 am



Advent (on silk), Yvonne Bell, artist

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

Opening Hymn Songbook # 10 “Christ Be Our Light”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Ching-Hino Family

Those lighting the wreath will come forward and light the Advent wreath.

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.

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 people are seated for the readings of the day.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

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

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.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual WLP #795 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

The Gospel: Matthew 3:18-21

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Bill Heran

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 italics.

The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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: A Hula Offering from Kirin Hino.

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 for 'The Advent Doxology' is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with a measure rest of 4 measures. The third system begins with a measure rest of 8 measures.

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.

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written for a single melodic line. It is in 3/4 time and one flat key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

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

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 Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Blessing

The Reverend Bill Heran

The Closing Hymn WLP #724 "People Look East"

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude "Star-Child" by Shirley Murray

Offered by the HN Choir

Thank you for joining us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service

We welcome back Reverend Bill Heran!

Lighting our Advent candles today: The Ching-Hino Family

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

Readers: Zoe Muenzer & Dan Muenzer

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Donnelly **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Usher: Rich Miller **Acolyte:** Isaiah Zitz

Technical team: Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain

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

The Holy Nativity Choir Hula Dancer, Kirin Hino

Join us Wednesday, December 24, 2025 for 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**

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**Parish Prayer List**

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