

**The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 9am**



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Gathering Music

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

The Prelude “Emmanuel Shall Come” (Dennis Eliot)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

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, God’s promise illuminates our hope.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

This morning we light the **first candle** which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.

Introit “Lift Up Your Eyes” (Joel Raney)

HNC Choir

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;
with ra - dant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

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

Opening Hymn #67 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

HNC Choir

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 An Anthem (William Knapp)

Chorale offering by the HNC Choir

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Alison Dingley

The Nicene Creed

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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 (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:

We pray for: **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

O kou aloha nō
Aia i ka lani
A 'o Kou 'oia 'i'o
He hemolele ho'i

Ko'u noho mihi 'ana
A pa'ahao 'ia
'O 'oe ku'u lama
Kou nani ko'u ko'o

Mai nānā 'ino'ino
Nā hewa o kānaka
Akā e huikala
A ma'ema'e nō

No lāila e ka Haku
Ma lalo o kou 'ēheu
Kō mākou maluhia
A mau loa aku nō

'Āmene.

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 Hymn #76 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptists Cry”

Please join the HNC choir in song.

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 -
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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.

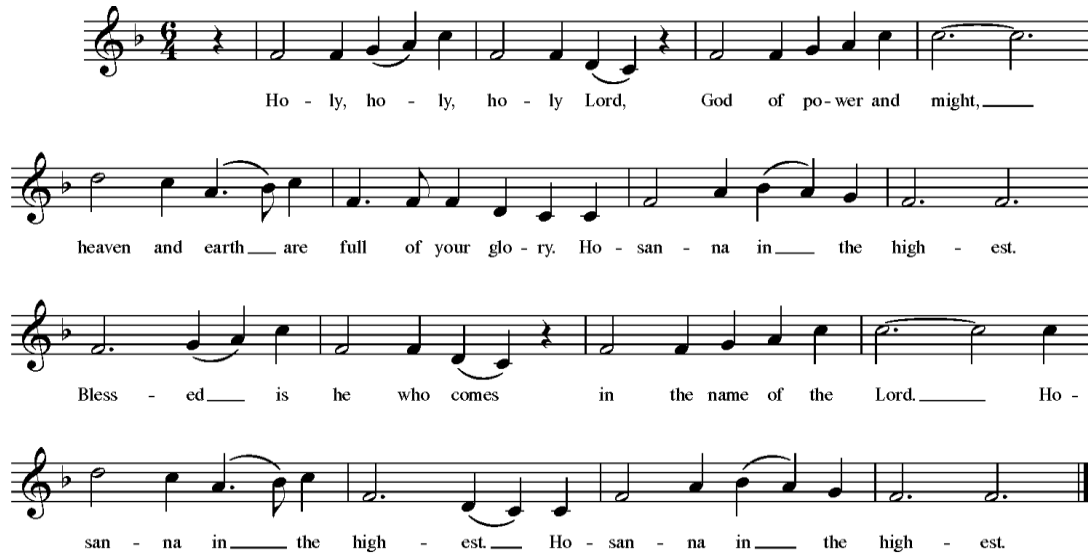
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 either 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 Music “Come We That Love the Lord”

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 #65 “Prepare the Way O Zion”

HNC Choir

Please join the Choir in song

The Postlude “Prepare the Way” (Ben Logan)

Lorraine Yamamoto, pianist

Dismissal “Lets go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of Spirit, Amen”

Readers: 1st Wanda Adams & 2nd David Callies **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandra Braham

Intercessor: Kathy Otani

Usher: Rafael Lopez **Acolyte:** Nicholas Livingston **Altar Guild:** Livingston Team

Please join us next Sunday for the Third Sunday of Advent, FAMILY SUNDAY, December 11th at 5:00PM (Marathon Sunday) there will be a simple soup and artisanal bread supper after services. (In person & on Zoom)