

ST. JAMES' PARISH CONGREGATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

The First Weekend of Advent November 28 & 29, 2020

Holy Eucharist

Aloha! Welcome. We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. Lessons and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Sounding of the Pu or Bell is rung)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

People (silently) That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

Presider The Lord be with you. People (silently) And also with you.

The Collect for Purity (said in your heart)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

During the lighting of the wreath we sing Hymn 56 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2
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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Collect of the Day

Presider

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*.

A Reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People (said silently) Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (25:31-46)

At the Announcement, all say silently Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord. People (said silently) Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Reverend David Stout (Beach Mass & St. James')

The Reverend Linda Lundgren (St. Columba's)

The Nicene Creed (said in your heart)

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

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.

Prayers of the People

Pontius Pilate:

Bidding: Lord in your mercy. Response: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution (said in your heart)

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 Peace Ke Aloha

Presider 'O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me 'oukou. (Hawaiian)

People (silently) A me 'oe pū.

Presider Ti Cappia ti Apo adda coma cadacayo. (Ilocano)

People (silently) Ken casta met kenca.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. (English)

People (silently) And also with you.

The Offertory

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responses said in your heart)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus (said in your heart)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider proceeds 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.

Presider 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.

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 blessed James, Columba, our patrons King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, Queen Lili'uokalani, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the 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.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say (in our hearts):

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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

E ko makou makua i loko o ka lani, E ho'ano 'ia kou inoa

E hiki mai kou aupuni;

E malama 'ia kou makemake ma ke honua nei

E like me ia i malama 'ia ma ka lani la. E ha'awi mai ia makou i keia la, i 'ai na makou no neia la.

E kala mai ho'I ia makou i ka makou lawehala 'ana,

Me makou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i ka makou. Mai ho'oku'u 'oe ia makou I ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai,

E ho'opakele no na'e ia makou i ka 'ino;

No ka mea, nou ke aupuni,

A me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku. 'Amene

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Reminder: The alleluias are omitted in the season for Advent to reflective and penitential time of year.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People (Said silently) Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Note: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."

—The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 457.

Those worshiping from home may, if they wish, say the following prayer: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Communion, the Presider says, E pule kakou (Let us silently pray):

Presider

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 in to 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 Blessing

The Officiant offers the following blessing or one of their choosing.

Go now, strengthened by the testimony of Christ. Keep alert and wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Continue to do right and remember God in your ways.

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People (Said in your heart) Thanks be to God.

Additional appointed reading for this day:

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

- 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.

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