



## *The Third Sunday of Advent* **December 17, 2023**

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary and Online

### **Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath**

*Reader:* Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY. [The candles are lit.] “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” (Isaiah 55:12).

*People:* **Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn • 56 • O Come, O Come, Emmanuel •**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **The Collect for Purity**

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.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 15 Song of Mary**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Second Lesson**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

*Reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Gradual • 66 • Come, thou long-expected Jesus •**

## **The Gospel**

**John 1:6-8,19-28**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp

## **The Nicene Creed** *(Stand as you are able)*

**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**

*Presider: Gracious God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace to cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.*

Litanist: O God of peace, you have called your people to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances: Sanctify your Church and her members that our spirit and soul and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has done great things for us,  
**and we are glad indeed.**

God of Righteousness and Mercy, you love justice and hate wrongdoing: Guide our leaders and all in authority, that they may bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, repair the ruined cities and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

God has done great things for us,  
**and we are glad indeed.**

God of Compassion, look upon the needs of the world: Proclaim the year of your favor, and clothe your children with the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,  
**and we are glad indeed.**

God of Grace, be among us in this community that we may be a people whom you have sanctified to testify to the light and to become oaks of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,  
**and we are glad indeed.**



Receive our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially Marie, Tom, Mike, Lei, Julia, Jane, Cynthia, Wayne, Isaiah, Sheila, Elise and family, Becca, Sara, Steve, Art, Paul, Sylas, Charlyn, Erin, Niles, Robbie, Jane, Dale, Webb, Linda, David, Helen, Tony, Anthony, Penny, Tommy, Matthew, Pam and Rich. For the residents of Lahaina and greater Maui who have lost their loved ones, homes, worship spaces, and businesses from the fires. We pray for resilience of the land and fortitude of the people, for all that is Maui. We pray for peace in the Middle East, and for all whose lives are affected by violence throughout the world. We pray also for others that we now name. [Pause]

Hear our gratitude as we offer our thanksgivings, especially for The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop, and any other blessings that we now name. [Pause]

Comfort all who mourn, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, as we remember before you those who have died, especially including those we now name [Pause].

God has done great things for us,  
**and we are glad indeed.**

*Presider: Loving God, your Advent people look expectantly for the coming of Christ: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, nurture our prayers and the thoughts of our hearts, that we may receive with joy the goodness of your strength and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People:*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**Absolution:** 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 Sharing of the Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Doxology (*Hawaiian*)**

**Ho'o-na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,  
Ke kei-ki me ka U-ha-ne no,  
Ke Aku-a mau Ho'o-mai-ka'i pu,**

**Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. `Amene.**

*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.**

*Celebrant:* We praise you and we 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:

***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.***

*Celebrant:* 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.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with King Kamehameha IV, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka  
lani, E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa, E hiki  
mai Kou aupuni, E**

**mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma  
ka honua nei.**

**E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka  
lani lā. E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i  
kā mākou lawehala 'ana, Me  
mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i  
lawehala i kā mākou.**

**Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i  
ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai, E  
ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka  
'ino. No ka mea,  
No uke apuni, a me ka mana, a me  
ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku.  
AMENE.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

**Communion Hymn • [see insert] • Live in charity •**

## **The Ministration of Communion**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn • 76 • On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry •**

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

# CHRISTMAS

## AT CHRIST MEMORIAL

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DECEMBER

### Evening of Carols with the North Shore Choir

6:30 PM

In the Sanctuary

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### Shepherds' Play

6:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

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### Sunday Service (Advent IV)

8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

In the Sanctuary

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### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00 PM & 11:30 PM

In the Sanctuary

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DECEMBER

### Christmas Day Service

9:00 AM

In the Sanctuary

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*We are blessed by your visit and pray that God's beauty greets you at every scenic turn and in the eyes of every person you meet. If you're thinking and praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, to serve God, and to make a difference in this world, be our guest! There's a special place at Christ Memorial just for you.  
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