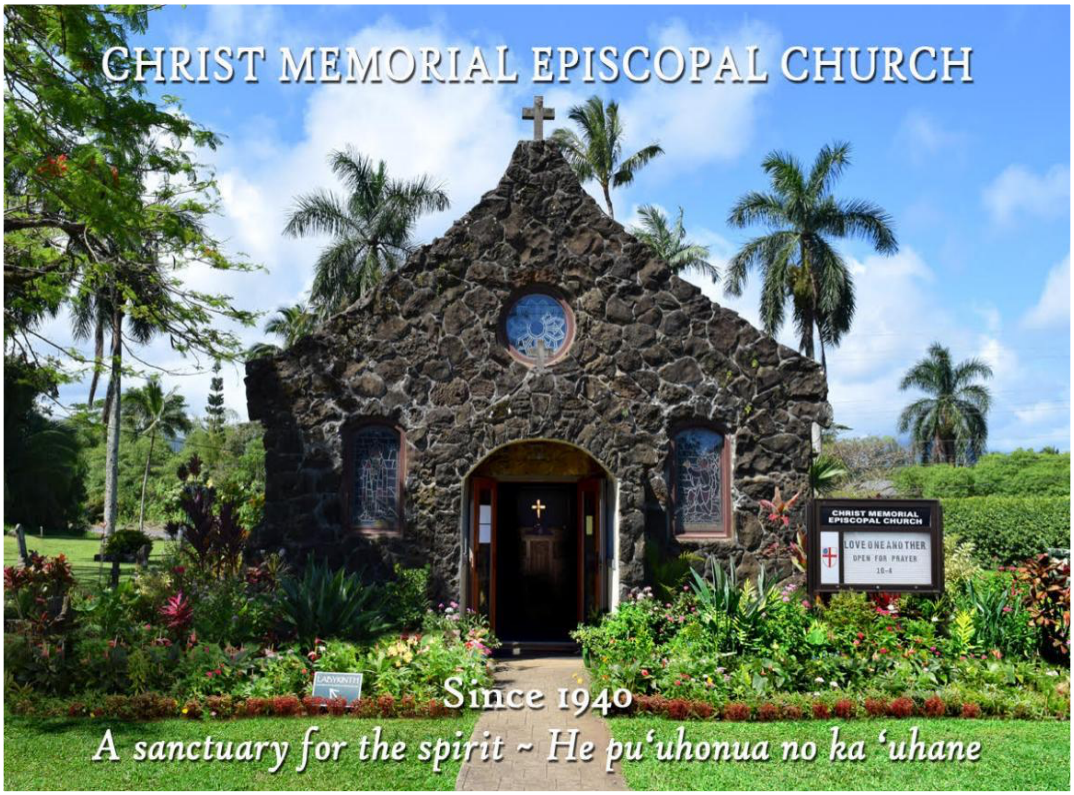


The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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 candle of the Advent wreath. The first candle is hope. [The candle is lit.] "We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield."(Psalm 33:20)

People: **Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give the courage to hope. Give grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the**

world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

Opening Hymn • Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord • Long Live God



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.

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

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 First Lesson **Isaiah 64:1-9**
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

The Second Lesson **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

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.

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

Gospel Gradual • 60 • Creator of the stars of night •

The Gospel **Mark 13:24-37**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People: 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."

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: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Litanist: We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of

heaven, and let everyone know that humanity is the work of your hand and the sheep of your flock.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory; shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray, especially Lei, Julia, Jane, Cynthia, Wayne, Isaiah, Sheila, Elise and family, Becca, Sara, Michael, Steve, Art, Paul, Sylas, Charlyn, Erin, Niles, Robbie, Jane, Margaret, Gordon, 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]

We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude for The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop, and any other blessings that we now name. [Pause]

Let your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died, including those we now name. [Pause]
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Presider: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, for you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, our Loving Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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)*

Hoʻo-na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,
Ke kei-ki me ka U-ha-ne no,
Ke Aku-a mau Hoʻo-mai-kaʻi 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 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

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 • 59 • Heard a thrilling voice is sounding •

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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