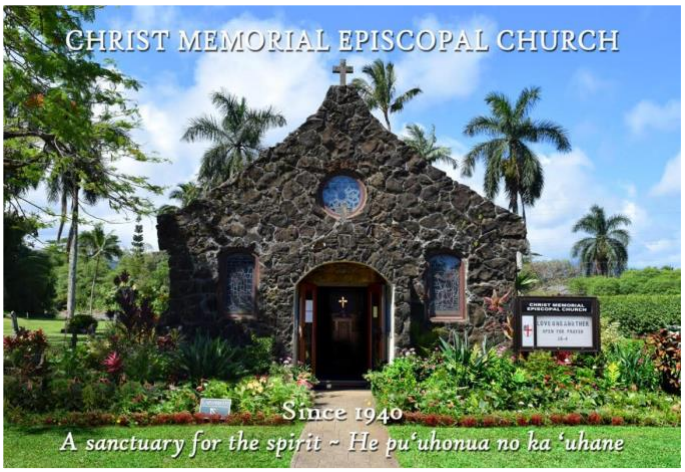


The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Online

Prayer for lighting the Advent wreath:
Reader: Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. [The candles are lit.] "Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34). *People:* **Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ who loves us to the end. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Like A Shepherd (insert)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.
People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever.**

The Collect for Purity

The Collect of the Day

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (BCP p. 702)

Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Hymn: 371 Those Whose Almighty Word

The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The Sermon The Rev. Suzanne Kobayashi

Silence

The Nicene Creed (BCP, p. 358)

Prayers of the People

Show the light of your countenance;

and we shall be saved.

The Queen's Prayer

`O kou aloha no	**Your loving mercy**
Aia i ka lani	**Is as high as heaven**
A `o kou `oia `i`o	**And your truth**
He hemolele ho`i.	**So perfect.**
Ko`u noho mihi `ana	**I live in sorrow**
A pa`ahao `ia	**Imprisoned**
`O `oe ku`u lama	**You are my light**

Kou nani ko`u ko`o.	**Your glory, my support.**
Mai nana `ino`ino	**Behold not with malevolence**
Na hewa o kanaka	**The sins of man**
Aka e huikala	**But forgive**
A ma`ema`e no.	**And cleanse.**
No laila e ka Haku	**And so, o Lord**
Ma lalo o kou `eheu	**Protect us beneath your wings**
Ko makou maluhia	**And let peace be our portion**
A mau loa aku no.	**Now and forever more.**
`Amene	**Amen**

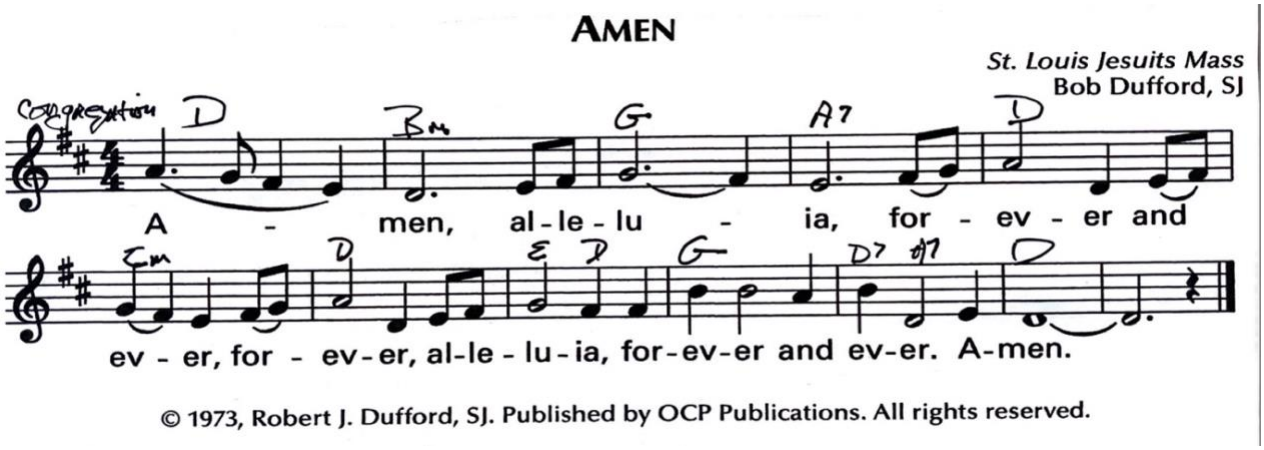
The Sharing of the Peace

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP, p. 361)

Celebrant concludes the story of Jesus and his disciples and the salvation of the world in the sacrament of Holy Communion by singing.

Celebrant: "...through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever." *The People respond by singing*: **"Amen!"**



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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.

Communion Taize: *Lord of all goodness,*
Son of the Father, may Your peace surround us.

Post Communion Prayer (BCP, p. 365)

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Gentle Woman (insert)

The Dismissal (BCP, p. 366)
Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

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

Aloha! Welcome!

If you are visiting our beautiful island, ALOHA. 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. We're so glad you're here. Many wonderful lay and ordained ministers lead and support our congregation, and we look forward to welcoming you.

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