



## *The Second Sunday of Advent* **December 10, 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 and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE. [The candle is lit.] “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.” (Colossians 3:15).

**People:** Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn • [See Insert] • Like a Shepherd •**

**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.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **The Second Lesson**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*Reading from the second Epistle of Peter.*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

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

## **Gospel Gradual • 64 • O heavenly Word, eternal Light •**

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*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, through your messengers the prophets you have called your people to prepare the way and to welcome the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: Speak tenderly to your people that we may wait for and hasten the coming day, saying: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

Litanist: Indwelling God, you have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit: Inspire us to lead lives of holiness and godliness as we prepare for the new heavens and a new earth, so that as Christ comes he finds us to be a people of peace and justice.  
Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Holy and Mighty One, open the ears and eyes of the leaders of all the nations that they may listen to what the Lord God is saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Mercy and truth have met together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Compassionate One, look upon the needs of all humanity: Feed your flock like a shepherd; gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom, gently leading the mother sheep, that all may know the comfort of your strength.

Mercy and truth have met together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Ever-present God, lift up your voice with power to herald good tidings to the people of this community to cast out all fear as we listen for the happy cry of your coming salvation.

Mercy and truth have met together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Glorious One, come with might in your divine recompense to reveal your glory to all who look to you in hope, as we pray especially for Mike, Lei, Julia, Jane, Cynthia, Wayne, Isaiah, Sheila, Elise and family, Becca, Sara, 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]

Accept our glad tidings for those who offer you their gracious thanksgivings, especially for The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop, and any other blessings that we now name. [Pause]

Bring into your everlasting reign those who have died, including those we now name [Pause].

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

*Presider: Look upon your creation and comfort your people, O Holy One: Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; let the uneven ground become level and the rough places a plain, that all people may see the revelation of the glory of God, 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 • 335 • And I will raise them up •**

**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 • 72 • Hark! The glad sound! •**

**The Dismissal**

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

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

*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.*

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