



SAINT FRANCIS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN

Morning Prayer
The Season of Advent

Week of Advent 1A

November 29, 2022
Commemoration of Kamehamea and Emma
10:15 a.m.

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~Morning Prayer, Rite II~

When 2 people are reading: READER 1: Plain Text Reader 2: *Italics* Both: **Bold**
You are invited to begin the service by lighting a candle.

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Invitatory and Psalter

Opening Acclamation

Officant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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. Alleluia.**

Invitatory Psalm (95:1-7)

Officant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving;
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God;

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture, and the sheep of your hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 5

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; * consider my meditation.
2 *Hearken to my cry for help, my Sovereign and my God, * for I make my prayer to you.*
3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; *
 early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.
4 *For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, * and evil cannot dwell with you.*
5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; * you hate all those who work wickedness.
6 *You destroy those who speak lies; * the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.*
7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; *
 I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.
8 *Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness, because of those who lie in wait for me; *
 make your way straight before me.*
9 For there is no truth in their mouth; * there is destruction in their heart;
10 *Their throat is an open grave; * they flatter with their tongue.*
11 Declare them guilty, O God; * let them fall, because of their schemes.
12 *Because of their many transgressions cast them out, * for they have rebelled against you.*
13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; * they will sing out their joy for ever.
14 *You will shelter them, * so that those who love your Name may exult in you.*
15 **For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; ***
 you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

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 Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 1:21-31

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

How the faithful city has become a whore! She that was full of justice, righteousness lodged in her—
but now murderers! Your silver has become dross, your wine is mixed with water. Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not defend the orphan, and the widow's cause does not come before them.

Therefore says the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: Ah, I will pour out my wrath on my enemies, and avenge myself on my foes! I will turn my hand against you; I will smelt away your dross as with lye and remove all your alloy. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and those in her who repent, by righteousness. But rebels and sinners shall be destroyed together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed. For you shall be ashamed of the oaks in which you delighted; and you shall blush for the gardens that you have chosen. For you shall be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden without water. The strong shall become like tinder, and their work like a spark; they and their work shall burn together, with no one to quench them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle D: *Isaiah 35:1-7,10*

A Song of the Wilderness

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, * the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, * and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear! *

Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, * and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, * and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness * and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool * and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing, * with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, * and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle O: *Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

A Song of the Heavenly City

I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.
*And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, **
for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light the nations shall walk, *
and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.
*Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; **
into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, *
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
*The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, **
and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.
All curses cease where the throne of God and the Lamb stands,
and all servants give worship there; *
there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Suffrages

The officiant recites the versicle (V), the people respond (R)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your Name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect for the Day: Kamehameha and Emma

O Sovereign God, who raised up Kamehameha and Emma to be rulers in Hawai'i, and inspired and enabled them to be diligent in good works for the welfare of their people and the good of your Church: Receive our thanks for their witness to the Gospel; and grant that we, with them, may attain to the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Please add your own intercessions, supplications and thanksgivings here. This may include prayers from the previous Sunday bulletin.

Collect for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Reader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Biographical information

NOVEMBER 28: KAMEHAMEHA AND EMMA, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864 and 1885 (Transferred to November 29)

Within a year of ascending the throne in 1855, the twenty-year-old King Kamehameha IV and his spouse, Emma Rooke, embarked on the path of altruism and unassuming humility for which they have been revered by their people. The year before, Honolulu, and especially its native Hawaiians, had been horribly afflicted by smallpox. The people, accustomed to a royalty which ruled with pomp and power, were confronted instead by a king and queen who went about, "with notebook in hand," soliciting from rich and poor the funds to build a hospital. Queen's Hospital, named for Emma, is now the largest civilian hospital in Hawaii.

In 1860, the king and queen petitioned the Bishop of Oxford to send missionaries to establish the Anglican Church in Hawaii. The king's interest came through a boyhood tour of England where he had seen, in the stately beauty of Anglican liturgy, a quality that seemed attuned to the gentle beauty of the Hawaiian spirit. England responded by sending the Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Staley and two priests. They arrived on October 11, 1862, and the king and queen were confirmed a month later, on November 28, 1862. They then began preparations for a cathedral and school, and the king set about to translate the Book of Common Prayer and much of the hymnal.



Kamehameha's and Emma's lives were marred by the tragic death of their only child, a four-year-old son, in 1863. Kamehameha seemed unable to survive his sadness, although a sermon he preached after his son's death expresses a hope and faith that is eloquent and profound. His own death took place only a year after his son's, in 1864. Emma declined to rule; instead, she committed her life to good works. She was responsible for schools, churches, and efforts on behalf of the poor and sick. She traveled several times to England and the European continent to raise funds and became a favorite of Queen Victoria's. Archbishop Longley of Canterbury remarked upon her visit to Lambeth: "I was much struck by the cultivation of her mind...But what excited my interest most was her almost saintly piety."

The cathedral was completed after Emma died. It was named St. Andrew's in memory of the king, who died on that saint's day. Among the Hawaiian people, Emma is still referred to as "our beloved Queen."

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