



December 10, 2017  
The Second Sunday of  
Advent

***Today's Hymns***

Processional Hymn	<i>Hymnal 76 (v.1-3)</i>
Sequence Hymn	<i>Hymnal 512</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 343 (v.1&amp;2)</i>

**The Collect**

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 Old Testament**

**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.

**The Psalm**

**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 Epistle

### 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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.

## The Gospel

### Mark 1:1-8

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.”



## Weekly Announcements

*Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 Tenth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816  
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**Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.**

***December 10, 2017***

***The Second Sunday of Advent***

***Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!***

If you are visiting today, we want to thank you for being with us. Your presence is a gift to our community, and your prayers enhance our worship. We look forward to your return! Please join us for refreshments after church in the parish hall above pavilion.

***Please hold the following people in your prayers***

***Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our prayer list: Raelani Visser, Ralph & Sally Hartman, Carole Hagihara, David & Martha Blanchett, Clarynne Ishikawa Blanchard, Alice Chinen, John & Rei Hamano, Elaine Young, Thelma Lee, Vernon Miyake, Elsie Ching, Bruce & Laura Fink, Bill Harada, Debbie Sekine, Lori Maunalanga, Nancy & Blaise Napu'unoa, Suzie Mitchell, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro, Adeline Sing, Chris Lehman and the birthday of Robert Nishimura, Brycen Chun, and Jonathan Lee.***

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our Chancellors: Mr. Wayne Yoshigai (Chancellor); Mr. Kevin Herring (Vice Chancellor); Mr. Douglas Smith, Mr. Eric "Rick" James (Deputy Vice Chancellors).***

***Our Bishop's Committee: Deb Nishihira, Connie Kaneshiro, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Lori Chun, Les Hata, Margaret Kitamura, Rich Marshall, and Faye Hee.***

***Our Altar Guild: Pat Lum (Coordinator), Myrtle Kaneshiro, Faye Hee, Jessica Lum, Jan Motoshige, Taylor Omuro, Chris Omuro, Melissa Morinishi, Deb Nishihira and Betsy Hata.***

### **Announcements**

**Crafting today, Kadomatsu sale:**

- Please help us to braid the grass from the goza mats during refreshments today. It's to prepare for the mizuhiki for our Kadomatsu sale.  
- Kadomatsu making is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. For those that can help to harvest bamboo, meet at the church at 7:30am and we'll head out to Nu'uano. Bring cutting tools if you have. We need a couple of trucks to transport the bamboo back. We will be back at the church around 9:45am to start assembling the kadomatsu. It will be made in the parish hall so any help in setup, assembling, lunch, cleanup, pre-selling of kadomatsu is welcome!

**Christmas Tree decoration:**

This year's theme is angels, so please bring an angel decoration to put on the tree in our parish hall.

**Church Walkway Input:**

We need to redo the walkway because the current covering is tearing and now a safety concern. We may have the covering removed and the flooring painted with grit. We are also looking to smooth out the concrete at the beginning of the walkway. If anyone has any other ideas, please let Deb or any Bishop's Committee member know.

**Pledge Forms:**

Please turn in your pledge forms during the plate offerings or to any Bishop's Committee member. Every little bit counts so we can plan the budget for the coming year. If you would like to help in any of the other areas, please check that off too. Pledge forms are at the back of the church.

**Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese:**

Annual holiday gathering is on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew's Von Holt Room, from 3 to 6 PM, \$15 per person. Bring a \$10 grab-bag gift. If you are able, please bring something slightly used or new that can be wrapped as a holiday gift for unsheltered folks. RSVP Louise Aloy by December 12

at lousealoy63@gmail.com, or call/text her at (808) 264-9830.

**Bishop's Committee Meeting:**

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, after refreshments. If anyone has church related items they want discussed at a meeting, please join us or let one of the members know. Past minutes are posted on the church website

**Christmas Day Service:**

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Rev. Malcolm Hee will do the service.

**IHS:**

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 pm, St. Mary's Church Every Last Thursday of the Month— St. Mary's Moili'ili Outreach Center - Feeding those less fortunate - Cook and serve lunch, 9:00 am. Any help is welcome. Observe the difference this program is making in our community! Questions? Call Jan at 349-6435.

**Queen Lili'uokalani Ho'okuikahi:**

This year's annual **Queen Lili'uokalani Hookuikahi** will be taking place at Kawaihāo Church in Honolulu on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 6:00 PM. The date of the event represents a dark time in Hawaiian history when Queen Lili'uokalani was overthrown, but is now being recognized as a day of reconciliation and hope that focuses on the Queen's courage and conviction for non-violence that has been an example and legacy to her people. The Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center (PJRC) has organized this annual event to "educate and advocate for justice and mercy for Na Kanaka Maoli and all the people of Hawai'i in the spirit of reconciliation."

**Music Conference:**

Saturday, January 27, 2018, at St. John's By-the-Sea in Kaneohe. In past years this fun and engaging event took place over two days, but will be combined for a one-day music experience! Leading the conference will be Joe Kanoelehua Camacho, composer of Pilipa'a. The day will begin at 9:30 AM and end at 3:00 PM. Cost for the event is \$30 and includes lunch. Stay tuned for more information and registration instructions.

**Canned Goods Collection:**

Donations for our outreach to Palolo Housing families continue to be accepted! Containers are in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall.

**Tri-church Bible Study:**

Every Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church— 10:00 am to 11:30 am (Led by Michael Kim of St. Luke's.)

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b> <b>DECEMBER 10, 2017</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Alex Geston
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Pat Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Russell Nishimoto
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Melissa Morinishi Jessica Lum
<b>Ministries</b>	
Flowers:	Kaneshiro
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Russell Nishimoto

<b>Priest-with-Oversight: The Rev. Irene Tanabe</b> 732-6321; rector@epiphanyhi.org <i>Pastoral Care:</i> As our priest-with-oversight, <b>The Rev. Irene Tanabe</b> , is also available for pastoral care for anyone that needs it. She can be contacted by email: rector@epiphanyhi.org or by calling Epiphany at (808) 734-5706.
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<b>Looking Ahead</b> <b>Next Week Sunday – DECEMBER 17, 2017</b>	
<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Malcolm Hee</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Sumi Mizushima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Faye Hee</i>
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i>	<i>Deb Nishihira</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Betsy Hata</i>
<i>Alms Bearer:</i>	<i>Pat Lum</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>
<b>Ministries</b>	
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Mahaulu-Raelani's bday</i>
<i>Watering:</i>	<i>Cy Nishihira</i>
<i>Refreshments:</i>	<i>Nishihira</i>



New Year 2018 Kadomatsu  
 Monday, December 27, 2017  
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Good Samaritan Church  
 1801 10th Avenue

Members of Good Samaritan Church join in the Japanese tradition of *Kadomatsu* building to bring in good luck for the New Year.

Come and join us in learning how to make a *Kadomatsu*.

We will be making three sizes medium and large are for sale and smaller ones will be made to take to homebound church members and seniors.

We will also have *mizuhiki* (Japanese art of knotting, tying & braiding) decorations for sale.

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Pick up is Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 10th Avenue

If you plan on helping to build Kadomatsu, please let us know so we can put you in the count. Contact Information: Email: [goodsamhawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:goodsamhawaii@yahoo.com) Phone: (808) 735-5944

_____ Medium (12 inches) <i>Kadomatsu</i> @ \$15.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Large (18 inches) <i>Kadomatsu</i> @ \$25.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Large <i>Mizuhiki</i> door decoration @ \$20.00 each	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Small <i>Mizuhiki</i> @ \$5.00 each (various designs)	Sub-total \$ _____
_____ Total # of items	TOTAL \$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_