



December 11, 2016

The Third Sunday of
Advent

The Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall 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 haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
Sequence Hymn
Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 613 (v.1-3)
Worship Booklet p. 3
Hymnal 68 (v.1-3)

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”



Weekly Announcements

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Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.

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Please hold the following people in your prayers

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Roy Mashiba, Janine LeGrand, K.K. Miyake & Family, Laura Edelbaum, Paddy Griggs, William Harada, Helen Ezaki, Bob & Atsuko Kato, Jan Motoshige, Lennon Kohama, and Nappy & Nancy Napu'unoa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our Historiographer: Mr. Stuart Ching; Our Registrar: Ms. Katrina Luksovsky; Secretary of Convention: The Rev. Moki Hino.

Our Bishop's Committee: Deb Nishihira, Nappy Napu'unoa, Connie Kaneshiro, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Lori Chun, Les Hata, Margaret Kitamura, Harvey Oakes, and Jessica Lum.

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

IHS 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.

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.) Last session for this year will be on Dec. 14th and will start again on Jan. 11th.

Bishop's Committee Meeting: today, after refreshments; in church.

Good Samaritan Outreach - monthly: December 18th, after church. Collection of toiletries, household items, and non-perishable foods to make bags to distribute to Palolo Housing families identified through Housing Coordinator contact.

Kadomatsu for New Year, Dec. 26th, 10 am at St. Luke's. Help our youth make, purchase, or sell a New Year good luck kadomatsu. Order forms available in church or in newsletter.

Ordination of Annalise Marie Castro: Jan 14, 10 am, Cathedral of St. Andrew

Birthdays:

Robert Nishimoto (Dec. 13)

Atsuko Kato (Dec. 14)

Thank You!

Thank you to Rev. Nurdning for being our supply clergy today!

Upcoming services:

Dec. 18 - Rev. Alex Geston

Dec. 25 - Rev. Alex Geston

Thank You to Our Worship Team! DECEMBER 11, 2016	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Brian Nurdning
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Deb for Jan
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Myrtle Kaneshiro
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Nappy Napu'unoa Jessica Lum

Ministries	
Flowers:	Kaneshiro
Watering:	Nappy Napu'unoa
Refreshments:	Nishihira

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