



December 17, 2017
The Third Sunday of Advent

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
Sequence Hymn
Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 59 (v.1-3)
Hymnal 512
Hymnal 437 (v.1&2)

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 Old Testament

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our
God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of
ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint
spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display
his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former
devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their
recompense,
and I will make an everlasting
covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among
the nations,
and their offspring among the
peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom
the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my
God;

for he has clothed me with the garments
of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her
jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown
in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness
and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes
of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for
them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying
the seed, *
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.



Weekly Announcements

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

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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 Leighton Ige, Debbie Nishihira, Edlyn Hayashida, and Margaret Kitamura.

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

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, Margaret Kitamura, and Betsy Hata.

Announcements

December Hikari Newsletter:

The Hikari was emailed out. It is also posted on our church website. If you would like a hard-copy, please let Deb know.

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.

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

Today, 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 25th at 9 am. Rev. Malcolm Hee will do the service.

Kadomatsu sale:

- Kadomatsu making is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27th. 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!

IHS:

December 28th, 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 Hookeikahi:

Kawaiahao Church 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.)

Prayer List:

Please submit names you would like included on our Sunday prayer list with forms located at the back of the church or email. They will stay on for the month and a new list will be generated at the beginning of each month.

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
DECEMBER 17, 2017	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Faye Hee
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb Nishihira
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Betsy Hata
Alms Bearer:	Pat Lum
Counters:	Les Hata Myrtle Kaneshiro
Ministries	
Flowers:	Mahaulu-Raelani's bday
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Nishihira

Priest-with-Oversight: The Rev. Irene Tanabe
 732-6321; rector@epiphanyhi.org
Pastoral Care:
 As our priest-with-oversight, **The Rev. Irene Tanabe**, 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.

Looking Ahead	
Next Week Sunday – DECEMBER 24, 2017	
<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Malcolm Hee</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Sumi Mizushima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jessica Lum</i>
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i>	<i>Chris Omuro</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Melissa Morinishi</i>
<i>Alms Bearer:</i>	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Chris Omuro</i> <i>Pat Lum</i>
Ministries	
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Lum</i>
<i>Watering:</i>	<i>Cy Nishihira</i>
<i>Refreshments:</i>	<i>Hee / Kalei & Raelani</i>