



December 24, 2017

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 56 (v.1-3)

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 512

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 66 (all)

The Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have

been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim
your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is
established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in
the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen
one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my
servant:
- 4 "I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all
generations."
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to
your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the
people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with
him, *
and he shall be victorious through my
Name.
25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

The Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the

Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



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.

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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, and Chris Lehman.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Standing Committee: The Rev. Paul Lillie, President; The Diocesan Council; Commission on Ministry: The Rev. Linda Decker, Chair.

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

Poinsettias:

Thank you to Pat Lum for picking up the poinsettias every year! They bring a beautiful touch to a special season!

Hikari Newsletter:

December Hikari Newsletter: The Hikari was emailed out. It is also posted on our church website and at the back of the church. 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.

Palolo Chinese Home:

Thank you Jan and her friend, Dr. Holly Lindsay, for decorating the tables at the Palolo Chinese Home with Christmas trees. PCH is inviting them back to decorate during the Easter season too if anyone would like to help.

Church Walkway:

The Bishop's Committee has approved the fixing of the walkway into the church and part of the concrete before that. The current covering will be removed and the walkway will be painted.

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.

Christmas Day Service:

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

Kadomatsu sale:

- Please give orders and payment to Faye Hee, she will maintain the order list for this year.
- 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."

Bishop's Committee Meeting:

Jan. 21st, 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.

Annual Meeting:

Sunday, January 28, 2018, at the end of the service. This is
 an important event in the life of Good Samaritan. Please
 plan on attending and staying. We will also celebrate with
 a potluck after the meeting.

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 24-25, 2017	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Jessica Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Deb/Chris
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro
	Pat Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lum
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments 12/24:	Hee
	Kalei & Raelani
Refreshments 12/25:	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 31, 2017**

<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Alex Geston</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Sumi Mizushima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Pat Lum</i>
<i>Eucharistic Minister:</i>	<i>Faye Hee</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Paul Kaneshiro</i>
<i>Alms Bearer:</i>	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Jessica Lum</i>
	<i>Melissa Morinishi</i>
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<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Jan</i>
<i>Watering:</i>	<i>Cy Nishihira</i>
<i>Refreshments:</i>	<i>Church</i>