



December 25, 2017 Christmas Day

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
Sequence Hymn
Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 83 (v.1-3)
Hymnal 96 (v.1&4)
Hymnal 100 (v.1-3)

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Psalm

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King,
the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in
it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much

superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and
ever, and the righteous scepter is the
scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated
wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed
you with the oil of gladness beyond
your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the
earth, and the heavens are the work
of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up, and
like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end."]

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



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 25, 2017

Christmas Day

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, Margaret Kitamura, 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.

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'uaniu. 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 Hookuikahi:

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 that morning! 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 25, 2017	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Jessica Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Lum
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Church

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	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Alex Geston
Organist	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Pat Lum
Eucharistic Minister:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Paul Kaneshiro
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Jessica Lum Melissa Morinishi
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