



# December 31, 2017

## First Sunday after Christmas

### Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn	<i>Hymnal 100 (v.1-3)</i>
Sequence Hymn	<i>Hymnal 96 (v.1-4)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 82 (v.1-2)</i>

### The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Old Testament

#### Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of  
the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand  
of your God.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 147

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
\*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
\*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
\*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?  
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

### Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## The Gospel

### Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would

not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



## 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 31, 2017**

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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:* **Alice Nishihira, Douglas Fukunaga, 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, Janine LeGrande, Trenton Omuro, Adeline Sing, and Chris Lehman.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Office of the Bishop staff: Mr. Peter Pereira (Treasurer) & Mrs. Serene Pereira; Ms. Irina Martikainen (Executive Assistant to the Bishop) & Mr. Craig Larson; Ms. Rae Costa (Business Manager) & the Ven. Steve Costa; **The Rev. Cn. Sandy Graham** (Canon for Congregational Life and Leadership) & **the Rev. Heather Patton-Graham;** **Mr. Danny Casey** (Bookkeeper).**

**Announcements**

**Church Walkway Repair:**

We have found someone to redo the walkway and concrete area. Work will start in January.

**Flowers/Refreshments:**

The new sheets are up for 2018. Please sign up if you can!

**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. Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, where we also approve the budget for 2018.

**Kadomatsu sale:**

Thank you to everyone that came to help and participate in this Japanese cultural craft activity! We made at least \$1200 from the sales! There are a few leftover for purchase if you would like one today.

**Queen Lili'uokalani Hookuikahi:**

Kawaihau 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. 21<sup>st</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

**IHS:**

January 25<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.

**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.

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