



December 22, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of
Advent

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn	<i>Hymn 56 (v.1-3)</i>
Sequence Hymn	<i>Hymn 68 (v.1 before Gospel) (v.2 after Gospel)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>Hymnal 66 (v.1-2)</i>

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

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good,

the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of
your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so
strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away
from you; *
give us life, that we may call
upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;*
show the light of your
countenance, and we shall be
saved.

The Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son,
and they shall name him
Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



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!

We want to thank you for being with us today. 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 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:

For the healing of: Atsuko Kato, Pastor Heather Hill, Jan Loo, Tessie Geston-Long, Blaise and Nancy Napu'unoa, Irene Nakamoto, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, John & Rei Hamano, Mel & Aki Shitagi, David Lee, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.

For the Birthday of: Edlyn Hayashida, Margaret Kitamura and Grant Marshall.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Standing Committee: The Rev. Dan Leatherman, President; **The Diocesan Council;** **Commission on Ministry: Ms. Carrie-Anne Kokubun,** Chair.

Announcements

Stewardship/Pledge form: If you have your form filled out, you can turn it in during the offering collection. (form is also attached)

Kadomatsu making - Friday, December 27th
8am-9:45am: Bamboo cutting in Nuuanu forest (for those going to cut bamboo, plan on getting wet and muddy, plus there are lots of mosquitos)
10:15am (approximate time): Assemble kadomatsu in the church pavilion
12pm - lunch break provided for volunteers by the Nishihira's.

Each volunteer can also take home one kadomatsu for free when helping to fill the orders.

Christmas Day Service - Join us this Wednesday, at 9am for our Christmas Day service with the Rev. Malcolm Hee.



Save The Date - Annual Meeting: January 26th at the conclusion of the service with a potluck to follow! The budget for 2020 will be presented along with a reports from 2019. We need also need to vote on the changing the service time and having morning prayer on any month that has a 5th Sunday.

Children's Corner - available during the first half of the service from 8:45am-9:45am. Connie/Paul and Chris Omuro (we are looking for more volunteers) will be taking care of any young children that come to church and will have them join the service before communion. Please encourage families with children to join us on Sundays!

E-Mail Website Scams: Diocesan Website Changes: In the ongoing battle against e-mail and online scams, the Diocesan website will be removing linked e-mail addresses from all pages, and replacing them with a contact form. This change will also affect the ministry pages (DOK, ECW, EfM, etc.) that contain e-mail addresses of contacts, although form inquiries will still be directed to those persons. It is a good idea for all churches to reconsider displaying e-mail addresses on their websites that could invite potential spoofer. If you receive any e-mails asking for personal information, be wary and take steps to verify that it is from a legitimate source.

Reminder about Eucharistic Minister & Eucharistic Visitor Trainings: They are a licensed lay position that must be renewed every three years, according to Diocesan Guidelines. Because of the greater level of responsibility for Eucharistic Visitors, there are additional requirements, including Safe Church training. To view the requirements and to download an application, visit the Diocese website.

United Thank Offering (UTO) 2020 Annual Grants: Informational Webinar: January 14: These grants are awarded for projects in The Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion, each year with a different focus. For 2020, the focus is Bless: Share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility. The application process opened September 6th. The deadline for submitting a grant application is March 6, 2020 at 12:00 pm.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS (ESC) ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021 SERVICE YEAR: The ESC is now accepting applications for their 2020-2021 service year. Visit their website to learn more and to apply. Episcopal Service Corps is a network of young adults ages 21-32 serving through locally organized intentional communities that are dedicated to:

- Serving others in solidarity
- Promoting justice in community
- Deepening spiritual awareness
- Discerning vocation
- Living simply

Everyone serving through ESC commits to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a household Rule of Life, regular spiritual direction, discernment and community practices. (Deadline to apply is January 10, 2020.)

Mark your calendars and **SAVE THE DATE!**
DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT: "ONE BODY": For middle school and high school youth March 20-22, 2020, Camp Mokule'ia, Waialua. More information to come soon!

Piano Lessons: Anyone interested in learning to play the piano? See Ben for his business card, he'd love to receive referrals!

Thank You to Our Worship Team!	
DECEMBER 22, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. John Hau'oli Tomoso
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Melissa Morinishi
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Ariel Lee
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro Pat Lum
Ministries	
Flowers:	Pat Lum
Watering:	Cy Nishihira
Refreshments:	Kaneshiro

Looking Ahead	
NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – DECEMBER 25, 2019	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Hee
Music	Sumi Mizushima
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira
Eucharistic Minister:	Chris Omuro
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Russell Nishimoto
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Jessica Lum Melissa Morinishi
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Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

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(An email address is important as we can use it to notify everyone quickly and inexpensively.)

In thanksgiving for God's gifts of life, love and community, I/we commit my/our time, talent and treasure for God's work in Good Samaritan Church of the Diocese of Hawai'i.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO PLEDGE (one of the following)

\$ _____ per week.

\$ _____ per month

\$ _____ per year.

Total pledge for the year 2020: \$ _____

I/we understand that as circumstances change and a change in the pledge is needed; I/we will inform the church Treasurer or rector, so adjustments may be made to my pledge.

Offering envelopes: YES NO

Signature: _____

Please help us with your Time and Talent and Donation by checking your areas of interest:

Bishop's Committee/Vestry <input type="checkbox"/>	Episcopal Church Women <input type="checkbox"/>	Refreshments <input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/>	Lector <input type="checkbox"/>	Chalice Bearer <input type="checkbox"/>
Acolyte <input type="checkbox"/>	Bible Study <input type="checkbox"/>	Altar Guild <input type="checkbox"/>
Yard Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Flowers <input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Activities <input type="checkbox"/>	Home visitor <input type="checkbox"/>	Write in <input type="checkbox"/>

If you check any of the above, someone will contact you to help you get involved.

We are updating our data base, and need more information. If you are willing, please fill in the following:

Birthdate (s) MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ . Name _____

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Birthdate (s) MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ . Name _____

Wedding Anniversary MO ___ DAY ___ YR ____ .

Thank you for your commitment to keep Good Samaritan Church and all our ministries going!

Please return this by mail, during the offering, or to any Bishop's Committee member by December 31, 2019