



St. Columba's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM

Aloha! Welcome. We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and much of the service music. Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982. Lessons and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Current Covid protocols: Mahalo for wearing your mask and physical distancing. You are welcome to sit in your 'ohana group/pod. You are also welcome to stay in your car and listen to the service on FM 91.9. We will bring communion (bread only) to you in your chair/pew and car.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Bell is rung*)

Hymn 525 "Church is One Foundation"

Opening Acclamation

All who are able, please stand

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

During which we sing Hymn 56 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: (1-9)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All who are able, please stand

Hymn 691 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

It is our custom to face the reader

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(21:25-36)

*At the announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Linda Lundgren

All who are able, please stand

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the `Ohana for Advent

(After each prayer petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy" and the people respond, "Hear our prayer." Our patron, Saint Columba, was known for his healing prayers and powers of precognition. In that same spirit our congregation prays with those who make specific requests for healing prayers and prayers of thanksgiving.)

Because we believe that God will come to our help, we present our prayers:

For believers everywhere who wait for the Lord's coming, that this Advent may help them prepare. *(Pause for silent prayer)*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the people who look forward to the celebration of Christmas, that Christ's words and values may find a place in their hearts.
(Pause for silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations where there is war, poverty and human suffering, that their troubles may soon be a distant memory. *(Pause for silent prayer)*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from anxiety, for all who are sick in mind or body, that they may know the Lord's healing power. We remember especially this day...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer..**

For all the members of this community who have died (especially N and N), that God's light may shine on them and on all we have lost. *(Pause for silent prayer)*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the blessings of this life we offer our thanksgivings....

(Pause for silent prayer)

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Finally, we pray for ourselves:

ALL: O Lord Jesus Christ - stay beside me to defend me, within me to guide me - before me to lead me, behind me to guard me - and above me to bless me; that with you and in you, I may live and move and have my being, for ever and ever, Amen

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able

Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin,
as though there were no justice.
We live in fear,
as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen**

The presider pronounces absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace: Ke Aloha

Leader: 'O ke aloha o ka Haku e mau ana me'oukou.

All: **A me 'oe pu**

Leader: Ti Cappia ti Apo adda coma cadacayo

All: **Ken casta met kenca**

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please greet each other in Christ's name.

Offertory

Please remain seated during the offertory hymn

Hymn 423 "We Gather Together"

All who are able, please stand and join in singing

The Doxology

**Ho'onani i ka Makua mau, ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pu, ko keia ao, ko kela ao. (Hawaiian)**

**Ti Ama ken Anac coma, Ken Espiritu ti liwliwa
Dayawen nga ipangrona, Ti langit ken ditoy daga. (Ilocano)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (English)**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (*sing 2x*)
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest (*sing 2x*)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (*sing 2x*)

The Presider proceeds Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

ALL: Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Columba and James, our patrons King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, Grigorio Aglipay and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**During the season of Advent the alleluias are omitted.*

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The bread is received with open palm. The wine, if desired, is received by either drinking from the chalice or dipping the wafer in the wine. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask a priest at the communion rail.

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love God
and those who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or never before,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.
These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

*Adapted from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book,
(Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.*

Note: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."

—The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 457

At the Communion

Musical offering

Please stand or kneel as you are able

After Communion, the Presider says, E pule kakou (Let us pray):

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now in to the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand, as you are able

Go now and let the Lord steer you in the way of truth.
Be on your guard so that you will not be caught up
in the trivialities and anxieties of the world.
Be alert at all times and pray for strength
to escape the traps that would keep you from God.

And may the blessing of God clothe you in light of God's love;
Christ Jesus teach you his ways;
And the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared
for the coming the Lord this day and always. **Amene.**

Hymn 690 "Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah"

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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A warm aloha to St. Columba's Church.

We invite you to join us as we sing, pray, laugh and eat together. We are a Christian community that practices the radical inclusivity and radical love embodied in Jesus.

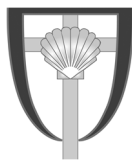
You are welcome at St. Columba's if you can sing like an angel or if you can't carry a tune in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Episcopal than the Presiding Bishop, or think Jesus was just a cool dude.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. Those digitally connected all the time and those unconnected.

We welcome triathletes, wild boar hunters, starving artists, recyclers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're down in the dumps or if you don't like organized religion. We've been there too.

We welcome you if you work too hard or are hardly working, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer now, had the Bible used on you like a bat (ouch!) or were searching for The Answer and wound up here instead.

We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!



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