

December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Hymn vs 3-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Collect Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like
the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *responsively by verse*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory Hymn



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Communion Hymn



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Recessional Hymn

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Prayer List

We pray for: Sunia & Stacey, Windy, Kealoha ‘Ohana, Roy & Marge, Tishana, Keonaona, Jenn, Pebbles & Pohaku, Barbara, Mona, Craig, Sonny, Donald, George, Dr. Chris & Family, Landon, Wayne & Laverne, Jane & Steve, Louise Emery, Sandy, Julie, Joyce, Beth, and Sue.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jerry Gonzales, Sumako Kumabe, Annalise Pasalo, Rose Maile, and Lindsey Carry.

Christmas Outreach Opportunities

This year, Emmanuel is supporting a Windward mental health organization and adopting one local family and two individuals for Christmas.

The Windward Community Health Center will hold their annual Christmas party on December 18. Emmanuel is assisting with fulfilling wish lists to ensure each client receives a goody bag. Donations of single-serve snacks —such as fruit cups, popcorn, chips, nuts, and granola bars—are appreciated.

Family #1 Deanna and Norman have lovingly stepped in to care for her two brothers' keiki, ages 8 to 15, and are currently awaiting full custody.

Family #2 Kaleimomi, in her 60s, lives alone in government-subsidized Section 8 housing in Honolulu. She received SSI (disability) benefits. She also receives SNAP benefits, but amount has been reduced in the last four months. She says clothing and basic needs are “costly right now.”

Family #3 "Janet," in her 70's, is a widow, a victim of domestic violence, and recently lost her home and all belongings in a house fire. She has no family.

If you would like to help bless this organization and these individuals, please stop by the Christmas tree today to sign up and help fulfill their wish lists.

Please return wrapped and clearly labeled gifts to the church by **Sunday, December 14** so they may be blessed. Mahalo for your generosity and caring spirit!

Announcements

Mahalo Annalise! Please join us for a farewell potluck after the service today.

Christmas Craft party follows the service today! Mahalo to Sam Besenbruch for leading us as we create and decorate Christmas ornaments.

Saturday Stewards this Saturday at Emmanuel from 8am to 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Kokua Food Basket is this Saturday at St. Matthew's from 10am to 12pm.

Please bring Christmas Outreach gifts wrapped and clearly labelled next Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your kindness!

Emmanuel's Bishop's Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 16 at 6pm.

Christmas Eve Services will be held at Emmanuel (5pm and 8pm with hymns at 7:30pm) and St. Matthew's (6pm) on Wednesday, December 24.

Sunday with the Bishop on Sunday, December 28 at 9am at St. Matthew's. This will be the final combined service for Hui Laulima.

Kadomatsu are available for pre-order for \$25 and available for pick up at Emmanuel on Monday, December 29, from noon to 5pm.

Christmas Eve flower dedication forms are available at the back of the church. Each donation of \$25 supports Emmanuel's St. Margaret's Altar Guild. Your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

The office will be closed on December 8. In case of emergency, please contact Bishop's Warden Sarah Gregory at 719-424-6216.



Christmas Eve at Emmanuel

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:00 pm Family Service
7:30 pm Seasonal Hymns & Carols
8:00 pm Candlelight Service

*please stay for refreshments after the
8pm service!*



Christmas Eve December 24th at 6PM

*Join us at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in
Waimānalo on Wednesday, December 24th
at 6PM for our Christmas Eve Service!*