

“OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS”



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Christ the King Sunday

OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(* You may stand.)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: **SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS. COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH SINGING.**

Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

PEOPLE: WE ARE THE LORD'S; WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THE SHEEP OF GOD'S PASTURE.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise!

PEOPLE: GIVE THANKS AND BLESS GOD'S NAME!

Leader: For the Lord is good;

PEOPLE: GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.

ALL: REJOICE, REJOICE, REJOICE, GIVE THANKS, AND SING.

1.

HYMN OF PRAISE*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee****UMH 89**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,
 call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our
 brother, all who live in love are
 thine; teach us how to love each
 other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
 which the morning stars began;
 love divine is reigning o'er us,
 binding all within its span.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife;
 joyful music leads us sunward,
 in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION**PRAYER TIME**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
 ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

UNISON PRAYER

Good Shepherd, you lead your sheep to safety and seek out those who are lost. Lead us, Lord, on paths of righteousness so we can hear those who cry out for justice and hope. Let us never forget that we, as members of your church, are the body of Christ, and our task is to help you gather people into your fold. You give our lives purpose, so we lift our voices and praise you with a joyful noise in worship. Let the world know we are your disciples through our joy, love, mercy, and compassion. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i kalani. A'o Kou' oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i. Amene
 (Your loving mercy is in heaven, and your truth so perfect. Amen.)

First Reading**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24****Liturgist****2.**

¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹⁸I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁶I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁸I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

²⁵I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely. ²⁶I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing; and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They shall no more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid. ²⁹I will provide for them splendid vegetation, so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the insults of the nations. ³⁰They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. ³¹You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

SECOND READING**Ephesians 1:15-23****Liturgist****3.**

¹⁶I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁸I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day, he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen, (**universal)



***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Vaosa Tagaloa

OFFERING

LUMC Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

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

**Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau,
 Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,
 Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i pū,
 Kō kēla ao, kō kēla ao. Āmene.**

Vaosa Tagaloa

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Gather Together

UMH 131

1. We gather together
 to ask the Lord's blessing;
 he chastens and hastens
 his will to make known.
 The wicked oppressing
 now cease from distressing.
 Sing praises to his name;
 he forgets not his own.

3. We all do extol thee,
 thou leader triumphant,
 and pray that thou still
 our defender wilt be.
 Let thy congregation
 escape tribulation;
 thy name be ever praised!
 O Lord, make us free!

2. Beside us to guide us,
 our God with us joining,
 ordaining, maintaining
 his kingdom divine;
 so from the beginning
 the fight we were winning;
 thou, Lord, wast at our side,
 all glory be thine!



SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

Vaosa Tagaloa

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them,

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

MESSAGE

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***CLOSING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

Refrain:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

4. See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)



***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

Vaosa Tagaloa

***CIRCLE OF OHANA**

HAWAII ALOHA

(Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hanau e, Ku'u ho-me kulaiwi nei. Oli no au i na pono lani ou,
E Hawai'i, aloha e. E hau'oli na `opio o Hawai'i nei. `Oli e! `Oli e! Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i.

(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the blessings of heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i, Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.

WE REMEMBER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PRAYERS:

Rhonda Wilkes
Lotima Filiai
Doreen Taylor
Linda & Les Takahashi
Ariana and Austin
Patrick Muratta
Noah Min
Kelly Hess
Lotu Carlsen and
Monique Peterson
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Denny White
Ellen Damaskas
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Cathy Bradshaw
Kathy Bowen
Cordelia Vogel
Roz Baker
Laura Fowle
John and Cindy Yaos
Sherri Atkinson
Gavin Kang
Julie Freeman

Janice Haynes and family
Fred Kitonga, his sister, and nephew,
Lawrence, for the loss of Lawrence's wife,
Mary.
The family of Ellen DiGiampaulo in the
passing of Ellen's dear mother, Beverly
Warren Carthan & family
Kevin Oliveti's sister Uheina in Tonga
The family of Barb Dering
The family of Janice Markwith
The family of Frank Emanuel
The family of Mabel Shimomura
The family of Lori Ramsey
The family of Doug Gloege*
The Family of Carolyn Ono*
Lotu Carlsen and family
Sione Vaikeli, whose wife Linda was lost in
the fire*
Chris & Velvet Welland
Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Heather Coffey
Tonga Tuameiapi and family for the loss of
his sister.
The Pasikala family
Edie and John Machonis
Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
Clara (*people lost in the fire)

Prayers for our Community/Country:

*For the family, friends, and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Lahaina fires.

*We pray for continued support for all churches and non-profit organizations working to meet our community's physical, psychological, and spiritual needs after a devastating tragedy.

*We offer prayers of gratitude for our firefighters, EMTs, police officers, other first responders, and civilians who walked into danger for our safety.

*We pray for our medical staff who face growing workloads as they deal with multiple health crises. Inspire us to demand more staff and better work environments.

* We pray that our leaders will work diligently to address our community's needs and not forget to address the problems of those most in need but frequently ignored.

