

An Inclusive and Caring Christian Community

The Parish of St. Clement

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

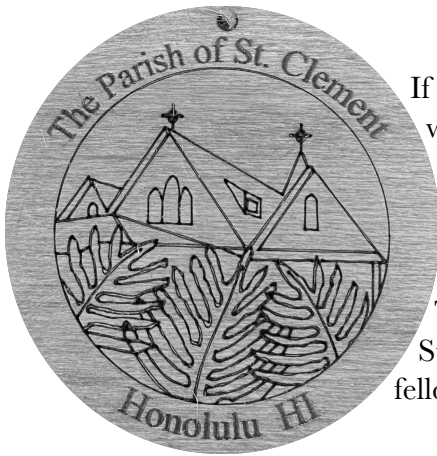
Honolulu, Hawai'i



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

Sunday Bulletin

Sunday, December 24, 2023



If this is your first time at St. Clement's, please check in with our ushers, if you haven't done so already.

If you'd like to join our member directory and e-mailing list, please provide your information in our Visitor Card at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for choosing to worship at St. Clement's today! Stick around after the service for a chat with our clergy and fellowship with other members.

On Sunday mornings at 8:30 A.M. we offer two educational discussion groups to all of our church-goers: **Adult Discussion** and **Reading Between the Lines**.

Adult Discussion is open to anyone who wants to explore and expand understanding of religion and spirituality by reading or watching selected non-Biblical sources, and then discussing these in depth. We have been blessed to have participants with a wide variety of backgrounds in literature, education, science, theology, and the arts who recommend books for the group and keep our conversations lively. Adult Discussion sessions are available via Zoom and in person in the Parish Hall.

Reading Between the Lines (formerly known as the Bible Workbench) is a weekly conversation built around scripture and a collection of short texts (a few pages of reading for each meeting). RBTLs allows participants to engage with one of the lectionary readings of the week, presents a central theme of that reading, and connects the biblical text to other writings on that theme. Participants take turns introducing the material and inviting responses, such as how the theme relates to events in the world and in participants' own lives. RBTL sessions are held in the Parish Hall.

Reading materials for these groups can be purchased from the church office for \$10. There is no membership fee.

Youth Programs

Our Family Ministries team runs Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Our Youth programs begin at 9:30 A.M. and serve anyone between the ages of 3 and 18.



Coffee Hour - There will be a social time each Sunday in front of the church from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM for the congregation to connect as a parish.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Sunday coffee hours. If you can bring food and help set up and/or clean up for specific upcoming weeks, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the back of the church. Your help would be most appreciated.

Public Prayer Requests - As we had no Sunday bulletins when COVID prevented us from gathering in person, publishing public prayer requests was suspended. It's time for this practice to be renewed, and the prayer chain would like to ask people to submit to the church office or any prayer chain member the names of anyone they'd like included in our Sunday bulletins. Names only, please - no details necessary.

Names will be published for one Sunday. If prayers are requested for a longer period, it will be the responsibility of the parishioner to renew the request each week, for a maximum of 4 weeks. After that time, the person requesting prayers will be given the option of having the name moved to the confidential prayer chain list.

Points of contact for the St. Clement's Prayer Chain are as follows: Jane Anderson, Pam McCoy, Nellie McLaughlin, and Kathleen Norris.

Christmas Flower Dedications - Christmas is a wonderful time to remember loved ones and to give special thanksgivings. Please let the office know if you wish to make a contribution to the Christmas flowers.

Sunday, January 7, 2024 - Guest Preacher - Our guest preacher this day will be the Rev. Canon Richard Stetson of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada. He will be joining us after serving as the visiting priest for the month of December, 2023, in Ocean View on the Big Island in the Episcopal parish of St. Jude's. This is the fourth year Rev. Stetson has visited St. Jude's in that role. He retired in 2018 as incumbent of the Parish of Salt Spring Island (All Saints by-the-Sea, St. Mark's and St. Mary's). We are delighted to welcome him to Oahu and to St. Clement's.

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PROCESSIONAL - ONCE IN DAVID'S ROYAL CITY

HYMN 102

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITTLE CHURCH TIME

THE OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

- *Ephesians 5:2*

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

OFFERTORY HYMN - WE THREE KINGS OF THE ORIENT ARE

(Words & Music by John Henry Hopkins Jr.; Arrangement by Susan Staples Bell)

Pianist: Mark Kennedy Cellist: Daniel Shoen

THE DOXOLOGY

**Ho‘o nani i ka Makua mau
Ke keiki me ka uhane nō
Ke Akua mau ho‘ho maika‘i pū
Ko kēia ao ko kelā ao.**

English Translation:

Let us give praise to the Eternal Father. To the Son and to the Holy Ghost. To God Everlasting, let there ring praise. Both in this world as well as the kingdom.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of Advent

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

SI30

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand, if able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 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.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

(see instructions on page 8)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN - CREATORS OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

HYMN 60

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 into 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

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

CLOSING HYMN – JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMN 100

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HOW WE ADMINISTER COMMUNION

With the intent to offer communion of both Bread
and Wine in the most sanitary way
We have adopted the practice used by Canterbury Cathedral, London.
Below are your positions to tell the priest your wishes.



To receive bread (wafer)
only, offer both hands in
a crossed position.



To receive both bread and
wine (intincted) place one
hand over your chest with
the other outstretched.

If you desire the intincted wine,
the priest will intinct the host in the consecrated wine
and hand it to you. Please take the host from
the priest to consume it.

NEXT SERVICES - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 - 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023
First Sunday after Christmas

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Service(s):

- Isaiah 9:2-7
- Titus 2:11-14
- Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
- Psalm 96

Sunday, December 31, 2023

- Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
- John 1:1-18
- Psalm 147 or 147:13-21



The flowers at the altar are given to
the glory of God.



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