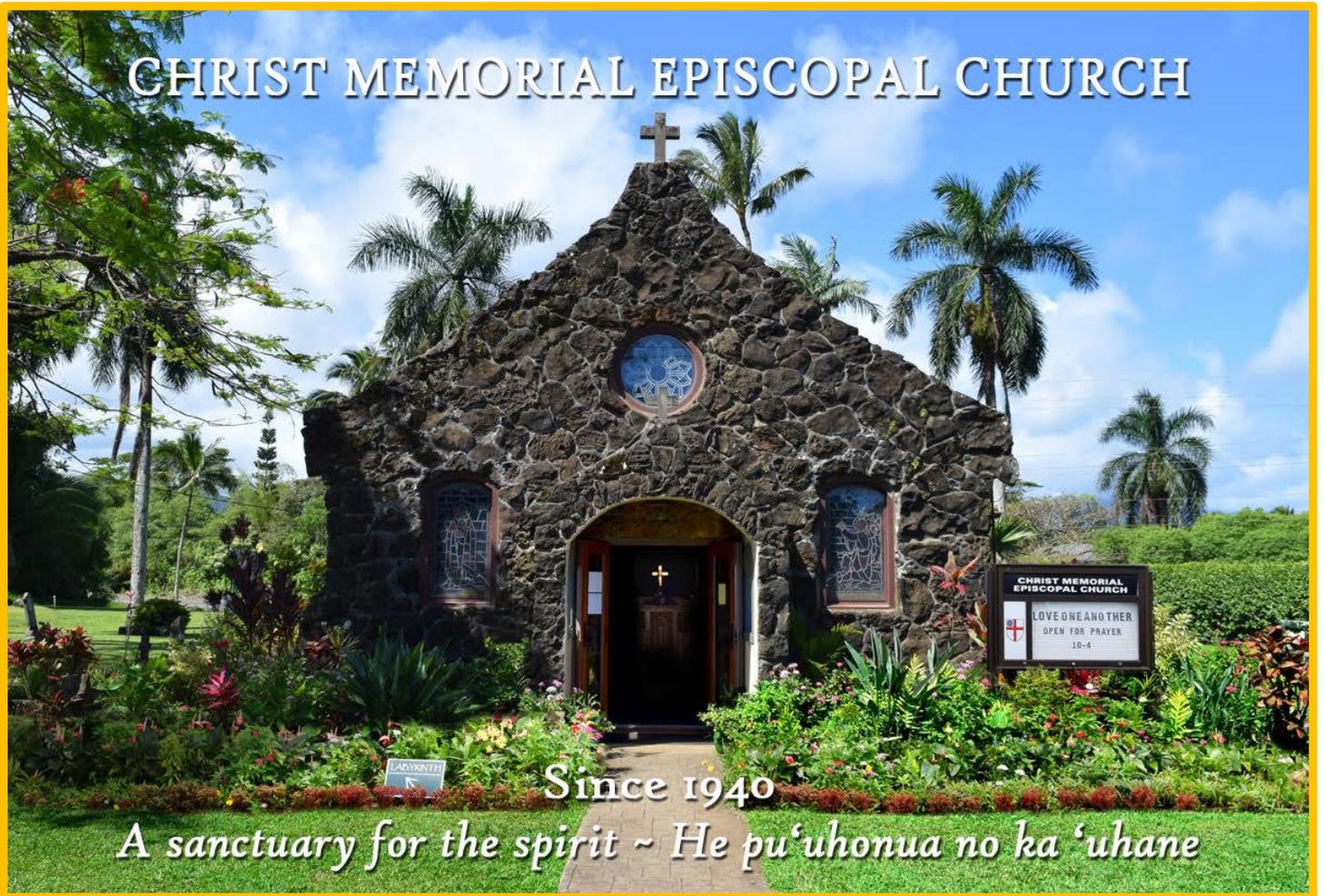


CHRIST MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WORSHIP BOOKLET

The Season of Epiphany

Open my eyes that I may see. Open my ears that I may hear.
Open my mind that I may know. Open my heart that I may live.

“UPON BEING SHOWN” is how the word “Epiphany” translates from the Greek epi-phanein. The three wise men were led by a star and “shown” the savior of the world. God is always showing something of Godself to us – through creation, people, scripture, ritual, meditation, and the events of life, including struggle and suffering.

During this season which is of variable length (determined by the date of Easter), our discipline is to pay attention. We become aware of the filters which inhibit our ability to experience the epiphanies God desires for us.

This booklet contains all the prayers of the worship service.
Please refer to our newsletter for the scripture passages and announcements.

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Aloha!

Welcome to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church. We are devoted to following the life and teachings of Jesus, the Christ. It is our hope that your worship experience here today will bless and enrich your life.

The following is an overview of our worship contained in this booklet:

1. **Worship is an expression of devotion and adoration that involves our whole being.** It touches and includes our intellect as well as our emotions; our heart, mind and soul.
2. **The liturgy (“the work of the people”)** contained in this booklet attempts to be both faithful to the liturgical structure prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer as well as creative in seeking fresh and inspiring ways to express our love and devotion.
3. **The message typically focuses on the Gospel reading for the day.** Following the message, we respond by affirming our faith using one of the Creeds from our church history. Many struggle with the words and images contained in the Nicene Creed largely because they have been taught to interpret them literally as though they are the end-point of what our thoughts about the Sacred should be. Instead hear them as a beginning, intended to ponder what we believe. While reciting the words, imagine standing with Christians throughout the centuries.
4. **The sacrificial language used during the Holy Eucharist is also symbolic language.** The New Testament was written by first century Jews, and therefore, it was written using images and language familiar to first century Jews. Until 70CE when the Romans destroyed all of Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Temple with its ritualized sacrificial system, was at the center of the Jewish religious world. Naturally, in trying to interpret their experience of the Sacred in Jesus, they used Temple language and Temple image. They used sacrificial language and sacrificial images.

Again, all religious language is symbolic language, the language of “meaning-making.” When you hear language in the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (Act II) about the body of Jesus being broken and the blood of Jesus being poured out for the sins of the world, we hope you can avoid thinking concretely and interpreting the words literally. Symbolically, “the body” represents the totality of a person, all that they are and “the blood” represents their life. Therefore, Jesus uses ancient symbolic language to say, “I am going to lay all that I have and all that I am, my very life on the line for your sake and the sake of the world.”

Scholars explain that Jesus came to challenge the dominant assumptions of his day, namely, that one could have a personal complete relationship with God only through the prescribed forms of participation in the rituals of the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus challenged that assumption and sought to replace it with a new understanding; that anyone can have a personal, complete relationship with God by simply following the spiritual teaching and living the same kind of faith that Jesus practiced.

Therefore, every reference to Jesus using the language of sacrifice is a challenge to the idea that God can be contained and limited by any religious system. God is always available to all of us because God lives eternally in and through and all around us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Music

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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 Lord. **AMEN**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day, the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Psalms, the Epistles, and the Gospels are found in the weekly newsletter.

Music at and after Gospel Procession

The Holy Gospel

The Message

Statements of Faith

The Nicene Creed (4th century)

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

The Apostles' Creed (4th century)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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**

An Alternative Expression of Faith (20th century, courtesy of St. Luke's, Park City, UT)

We believe in God who made the world and reaches out to it with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, God revealed in a human life. He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable, and unmasked the powers that enslave us. In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave, and with him went our hopes of salvation. Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair, and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; God's mysterious presence with us whose breathing gives life; whose fire purges and renews; whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions, awakening courage, humor, and hope.

We believe in ourselves; made in the image of God and growing to wholeness in Christ. Gathered by the Spirit we have been baptized into a common life: a life laid open to all; overflowing with love and mercy; richer than mind can measure but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. **AMEN**

THE PRAYERS

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: O god of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus the Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

The Confession of Sin

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN

The Queen's Prayer of Confession

‘O kou aloha no aia i kalani
A ‘o kou ‘oia he hemolele ho‘i.

Ko‘u noho mihi ‘ana a pa ‘ahao ‘ia
‘O ‘oe ku‘u lama Kou nani ko‘u ko‘o

Mai nana ‘ino ‘ino na hewa o kanaka
Aka e huikala a ma‘mea‘e no.

No laila e ka Haku Ma lalo o kou ‘eheu
Ko makou maluhia a mau loa aku no. AMENE

(Translation: Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow. Imprisoned. You are my light, Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, o Lord protect us beneath your wings and let peace be our portion now and forever more. AMEN)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all of our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in everlasting life. AMEN

The Sharing of the Peace

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Special Music During Offertory

The Presentation of the Offering

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus the Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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 names of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with King Kamehameha, Queen Emma, Queen Lili'uokalani and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (English and Hawai`ian)

All: 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

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani,
E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa,
E hiki mai Kou aupuni,
E mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei.
E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka lani lā.
E hā'awi mai iā mākou i kēia la
I 'ai nā mākou no nēia lā.
E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i kā mākou lawehala 'ana
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.
Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai,
E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino.
No ka mea, Nou ke aupuni, a me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia, a mau loa aku
AMENE

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to a Holy Communion

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. It is the custom in our church to receive both the Host (consecrated bread) and the Common Cup (consecrated wine). During this time of COVID, the consecrated wine normally served in a Common Cup is received in individual cups. Please come forward when you are ready. Parents, please help your child receive communion.

Music During the Communion

Closing Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN

Traditional Prayer of Thanksgiving: 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 and Dismissal

Recessional Music

WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

- ✦ We are a community of Christ-followers. We follow Jesus, the one we call “the Christ” (anointed one).
Jesus shows us the Kingdom of God and God’s unconditional love for everyone.
- ✦ We search for truth via scripture, tradition and our own ability to reason. We find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty – more value in questioning than in absolutes.
- ✦ We love the bible, but we are not biblical literalists. In our study, we engage the scripture at three levels:
The Story in its historical context; How the story was heard by the faith community to whom it was written. The Story speaking to us today.
- ✦ We are a sacramental church. We believe the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist (Communion) are important for the journey of a Christ follower.
- ✦ We are lay ministers, deacons, priests and bishops. We believe all Christ followers are to serve God in the world.
- ✦ Our mission is to bring about the Kingdom of God on this earth by sharing the Good News of God’s unconditional love. We know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe.
- ✦ We are members of the worldwide Anglican communion.
- ✦ We recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God’s realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us.

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