



KA PULE MUA O KA HIKINA

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

“E Komo Mai i Ke Ali’i O Nā Ali’i – Come King of Kings”

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An Introduction to the KS Advent Devotional Series

Advent is a time when we here at Kamehameha Schools honor our Christian heritage, a tradition that our Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop took firm hold of in hopes of passing a message of truth, of hope and aloha to her people, and usher in the remembrance of the historic coming of our infant King into this world.

As we wait earnestly for Christ to be re-birthed into our hearts we are called to remember the importance of our beloved Pauahi’s belief in Jesus. The prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ arrival were astonishing and the stories of his humble beginnings of being born in a stable in Bethlehem rejuvenate our faith and hope stirring up fond memories of past Christmas gatherings with our ‘ohana.

The true blessing of Advent is the promise that Jesus is alive deep within us. Appropriately, we are also preparing for Christ’s Second Advent and so let us open our hearts and our minds to this year’s advent devotionals for our Kamehameha Schools ‘Ohana and let us consider the calling of Jesus Christ, God’s chosen Ruler of Peace and the Light of the World, who brings God’s Spirit, and God’s Joy. This year we are utilizing The United Church of Christ Advent themes and presenting those themes in our own special way.

Heluhelu Baibala / Scripture Reading

Kinohi 3:13-15

13 ʻĪ maila ʻo Iēhova ke Akua i ka wahine, He aha kēia mea āu i hana ai? ʻĪ akula ka wahine, Na ka nahesa wau i hoʻowalewale mai, a ʻai ihola au.

14 ʻĪ akula ʻo Iēhova ke Akua i ka nahesa, No kāu hana ʻana ia mea, e ʻoi aku kou ʻāhewa ʻia i ko nā holoholona laka a pau, a i ko nā holoholona hihui a pau o ke kula; i lalo kou alo e kolo ai ʻoe, ʻo ka lepo kāu e ʻai ai, a pau nā lā o kou ola ʻana.

15 E waiho nō au i ka inaina ma waena o ʻolua a me ka wahine, a ma waena hoʻi o kou hua a me kona hua; nāna e paopao iho kou poʻo, a nāu hoʻi e pākuʻikuʻi aku kona kuʻekuʻe wāwae.

Genesis 3:13-15

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all the cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life." 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

Before the Nativity Scene Even Came to Pass

Some people think that the miracle of all miracles started in a manger. A manger that sat in a shelter made for farm animals that came with all the comforts of a solid dirt floor that was covered with hay and, well what animals do. It was cold and not really meant to be a dwelling for people, let alone the King of all Kings!

But that is the story that we know and love so much that many people during this yuletide season recreate this Jesus-in-the-manger scene in their homes, on their lawns, we see it on Christmas parade floats, and of course this nativity scene appears in churches across the globe where it beckons to all that we remember a special night, a silent night, a glorious night when God became fully human and fully God.

Although this depiction of the birth of Jesus Christ is popular, it is important to remember that God's plan to send a redeemer King, a Savior of all nations and the One who would defeat evil with a sacrificial love once and for all times, unfolded long before that wondrous night in Bethlehem.

The future of all hope began centuries before Joseph traveled with his new wife Mary to the homeland of King David to give birth. It began centuries before King David was just a humble shepherd-boy-turned-warrior who defeated a giant, and it happened centuries before Moses rescued God's people from Pharaoh by splitting an entire sea to escape thousands of Egyptian warriors. This plan of redemption that included Christ as our Savior started in the Garden of Eden.

In Genesis, the very first book in the Holy Bible, we are told that while Ka Makua Lani was inquiring of Adam and Eve as to the events leading up to their choice not follow one simple rule, He discovers that it was Satan, whose name used to be Lucifer the worship leader of the angels, was disguised as a serpent and deceived the young couple into making a very selfish decision.

Knowing all along that this was Satan's way of undermining God's plan of everlasting life, He then speaks directly to the serpent and articulates very clearly of his ultimate demise. He essentially says, "You will be the lowest creature ever and be defeated (eat dust) forever. Furthermore, you will never have a close loving relationship with my creation (us) and you will be delivered a fatal wound by the seed of the woman (implying a virgin birth – who we know now as Jesus).

This is the first prophecy that we are given that shares the details of Christ's first arrival and vital mission to conquer death and sin. This Christmas season lets us look to the past Advent in order for us to look forward to the future Advent. E Ke Akua Mana e!

Ka Wikīo Hīmeni / Video Hymn

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Ke Akua Mana E: How Great Thou Art

E ke Akua, nani kamaha'o nau nō i hana ka honua nei.
Me nā hōkū, ka uila ka hekili, hō'ike ana i Kou mana ē.

E mele au i ka Ho'ōla ē, He nani nō, he nani nō.
E mele au i ka Ho'ōla ē, He nani nō, he nani nō.

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim,
"My God how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art
He nani nō, he nani nō. He nani nō, he nani nō