



KA PULE MUA O KA HIKINA

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

“Mai Nā Makani ‘Ehā: From the Four Winds”

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Heluhelu Baibala / Scripture Reading

Mareko 13:24-27

24 A pau ka pilikia ‘ana o ia mau lā, a laila, e pouli loa nō ka lā, ‘a’ole ho’i e hā’awi mai ka mahina i kona mālamalama; **25** E hā’ule iho nō ho’i nā hōkū o ka lani, a e ha’alulu nō nā mea mana o ka lani. **26** I laila lākou e ‘ike ai i ke Keiki a ke kanaka e hele mai ana ma nā ao me ka mana nui, a me ka nani. **27** A laila ia e ho’ouna aku ai i nā ‘ānela āna, a e ‘ākoako mai i kāna po’e i wae ‘ia, mai nā kūkulu ‘ehā mai, a mai kēlā pā o ka honua, a mai kēlā pā o ka lani mai.

Mark 12:24-27

24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, **25** AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. **26** Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. **27** And then He will send forth the angels, *and will gather together His elect from the four winds*, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

Mana'o / Thoughts

Christmas time is right around the corner and I am still in a daze as I try to figure out where the time has gone. It seems like we should have another month before we escort in this year's yuletide season, but if you ask my children about wanting more time between now and Christmas they would outvote me and say, "The sooner the better!" Which brings me to my own understanding of the Advent season and what the season brings us. For the most part, we should be aware of Christmas story which tells of the coming of Christ as a little infant born to the Virgin Mary.

Yet, there is another Advent that we are privy to look forward to and this one is going to be transformational and sensational! The Return of the King, no not the J.R. Tolkien book-turned-movie, but the real return of our Lord and Savior, our King above all kings, Jesus Christ, this is the Second Advent and the one that continues to give us hope for today and peace for tomorrow!

Don't get me wrong, I love this season of the Christmas stories and I personally love the way my 'ohana chooses to gather at our home in Kona to celebrate throughout the week leading up to Christmas Day. I look forward to joyfully singing amazing Christmas songs on Christmas Eve with the throngs of people that we find it hard to leave Candle Light Worship Services each year. The list of delight-filled happenings that occur during this season of celebrating the First Advent of Christ Jesus seems endless.

However, the older I get, the more I anticipate the "Return of our King!" Why, do you ask? This is the part that I love to explain to people because it is so like our Lord to save all who have come to a loving and trusting relationship with Jesus. You see before the Second Coming is the Rapture where Jesus calls his own from the heavens to meet with him in the sky. We are raised up and we are gone until we return with our King to be at His side to finally conquer the evil one. The warrior spirit within me knows that I am riding with the entire Christ culture to

assured victory and that my King, your King, our Ke Ali'i o nā ali'i goes before us and secures the triumph as we ride with Him.

The message of the first coming of Jesus was meant to have a global impact. Even Magi from the east came to seek out the baby Jesus. This prophetic communiqué was established by God's breathe through the four winds calling out to all who paid attention of an announcement of the coming of a divine Holy Child of God who would bring everlasting peace. Those same four winds now bring a refreshing message of hope that has been set into motion a domino effect of Christ's ultimate salvation for all who believe in Him, the Light of the world. For me personally, when it comes to Christ's second coming, the sooner the better!

Questions to Ponder

- What traditions do my 'ohana and I cherish during this Christmas season?
- What other events will we include in our times of celebration of Advent?
- Are we prepared for Christ's Second Advent?
- If yes, how can we help others that we know be mākaukau (ready)?
- If not, what can we do as an 'ohana to be assured that we too will be with Iesū on that faith-filled day?

Pule / Prayer

E Ka Makua Iani ē,

E 'olu'olu, e hō'olu'olu mai 'Oe iā mākou i ka pupuāhulu o ke ola a e ho'omākaukau a e ho'oikaika 'Oe mai iā mākou i Kou ho'i 'ana mai i ke ao nei. Please ease our anxieties and distractions in our lives. Prepare and fortify us for your coming. Also, we pray for our loved ones that during this season of celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus that we reach out to help others who are in need. Help us to notice and come near the brokenhearted to comfort them with pule and kōkua. Remind us that we too need help and that by your grace we ask for an increase in our faith you our Great King.

Ma ka inoa o Iesū Kristo, in Jesus' name, 'Āmene.

Keiki Activity

Emergency Kit

For our keiki we are going to prepare for a time of crisis by creating an emergency kit. Take any bag or ka paisi and begin to load up your emergency kit with these basic things:

- 5 bottles of water
- 10 snacks like protein or granola bars
- A small flashlight or even a headlamp
- An emergency whistle (not a cheap one)
- A box of band aids and bacitracin
- A blanket
- A photo of you and your family
- Any extra medication that you may need for a pre-existing condition
- A small bottle of hand sanitizer, and
- A small Bible

Preparation is the key to be ready for any situation. Like the storms of life that happen, knowing that Jesus Christ is with us always brings peace to our hearts and minds. Sit down with your 'ohana to have a discussion with them regarding other items that you may need in an emergency kit. Afterwards, have a time of pule to ask Iesū to increase your faith to trust and obey our King and God's word for our lives.

Ka Mele Wikio / Video Song

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Mai Nā Makani 'Ehā: From the Four Winds

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Pā mai ana nā makani 'ehā i ka nū kamaha'ō	The four winds blow heralding the wondrous news
E hiki mai ana ke Ali'i, Mana Loa	The Almighty King is coming
Ka mea e ho'ōla ai, no nā kau a kau	The One who heals and gives life, our Savior
No ka po'e piliwi	For the people who believe
Hele mai 'o ia me ka mana	He comes with authority and power
A me ke aloha mau loa	He comes with love unceasing, unconditional, and eternal love everlasting

Hui:

Hānau 'ia ma Betelehem	Born in Bethlehem
Hele mai 'o ia no kākou	He comes for us
E ho'i mai ana nō 'o ia	He will come again
Hele mai 'o ia no kākou	He comes for us all

About this mele

This original mele, "Mai Nā Makani 'Ehā", inspired by Ka 'Uhane Hemolele speaks of the great news from heaven that Christ our King is coming. This love letter is being guided by God's breathe and directed to the four corners of our world for all people to hear. Immediately, I envisioned our lāhui and the use of the pū kani to gather everyone for a special ceremony or message. While this powerful imagery of this cultural practice captivated my heart and mind, I quickly summoned the help of my two sons, Loheau (11) and Ioane (14) who have their educational origins within our very own Hawaiian immersion schools system (Ke Kula 'o Ehunuikaimalino a me Ke Kula 'o Nāwahī'okalani'ōpu'u) to help me on this journey to create this mele ho'omana.

Loheau began taking my words and translating into simple 'ōlelo Hawai'i while Ioane worked at supporting the musical composition that God poured into my spirit. Finally, we shared the music with Māmā Kahu Hālani or Kumu Hālani as she is affectionately known as at Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i Papa 'Eha for her mana'o and revision of the 'ōlelo used. It is our first composition of mele together as a 'ohana and we are blessed to share this with our Kamehameha 'ohana and beyond.