

Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25, 2021 at 9am



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Opening Hymn #100 “Joy to the World”

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says,

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

The First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Please read responsively. The reader will begin with the odd-numbered verses.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm.,
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading : Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
 today I have begotten you"?
 Or again,
 "I will be his Father,
 and he will be my Son"?
 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
 "Let all God's angels worship him."
 Of the angels he says,
 "He makes his angels winds,
 and his servants flames of fire."
 But of the Son he says,
 "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
 and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
 therefore God, your God, has anointed you
 with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."
 And,
 "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
 and the heavens are the work of your hands;
 they will perish, but you remain;
 they will all wear out like clothing;
 like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.
 But you are the same,
 and your years will never end."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 1:1-14

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 text

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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 Prayers of the People (taken from The Church of England's "Times & Seasons")

The congregation will please respond to each bidding with the response, "Hear our prayers."

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

O God, in this holy season, your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, Mary brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all those on our parish prayer list and all who are in pain or distress. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring

comfort to those on our parish prayer list and all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth."

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us

grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in

the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.

Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of

your coming kingdom. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

In this holy season Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,

hear our prayer.

O God, in this holy season, angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger

throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the

saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace *The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People And also with you!



The Offertory Hymn #96 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

"Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord."

Please place your offerings in the koa bowl at the rear of the church. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your financial gifts by sending checks to Holy Nativity. Mahalo!

The Hawaiian Doxology

All are welcome to join in the singing.



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2

From "Enriching our Worship 1"

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 God thanks and praise.

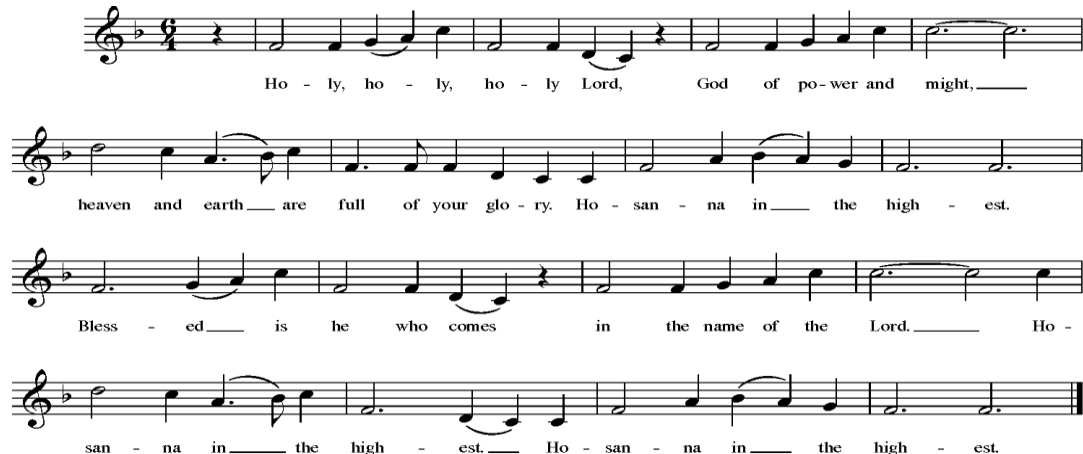
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars: Earth, winds, and waters: and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels, in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
Lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus WLP #858



The people stand, sit, or kneel, as is most comfortable for each, in continuing prayer. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself. Yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross, the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is 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 the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, To you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

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.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You may receive the sacrament in one (bread) or both (bread and wine) kinds. Please come forward to receive the bread first. Then turn toward the Eucharistic Minister if you wish to receive wine from the chalice. (Please take a sip, but do not “intinct” or “dip.”). Receiving the bread only is considered a full communion in our church. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

Communion Hymn: “Away in the Manger”

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear child - ren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky And stay by my cra - dle til morn - ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for Hea - ven to live with Thee there.

The 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 Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn #109 (v.1-2,4,6) “The First Noel”

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” (Peggy Tolson)

Lorraine Yamamoto, Pianist

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sandra Braham, *“In memory of Roann & Ernest Ednie and Betty Jo Torres”*

David Callies, *“Dedicated to Ann & Gustav Callies and Phyllis & Norven Garrett”*

Elizabeth Cunningham *“In memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Francis A. Cunningham”*

Rosemary Domecki, *“In honor of the beautiful harmony that HNC & HNS share.”*

Chandi Hinrichs, *“With Thanksgiving”*

Lila Johnson, *“In memoriam for Dr Elmer Johnson and Gail Peterson.”*

Doug & Alison Kittle, *“Dedicated to Holy Nativity Church and School”*

Tusi T-Mayer, *“To my family & friends, who are looking down from heaven with smiles and love.”*

Kathy & Carol Otani, *“In thanksgiving for our parents Kazuo & Ethel Otani”*

Cynthia Rosebrough, *“For my parents John & Jean Rosebrough”*

Louisa Le Roux, *“With Gratitude to God for life’s blessings!”*

Robert & Jean Steele, *“Dedicated to The Reverend Victor Lawson and The Reverend Warren Scott”*

Vivian Tom, *“In memory of Clarence & Karen Tom and Irene Lum”*

Jack & Sharon Tonaki, *“In Thanksgiving”*

Beverly Toomey, *“Dedicated to Warren Kimo Sutton, Christine Sutton, Linda Kemp, Dick Sutton, Shayna Sutton, Anne Sutton, Ike Sutton, Rosemary Thompson, Stirling & Rosemary Colgate, Rachel & James Toomey”*

Jean Yee, *“In Thanksgiving”*

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: Thank you, all!

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Robert Steele

Eucharistic minister: Lila Johnson **Readers:** Beverly Toomey & Barbara Abe

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani

Technical team: Alex Picken & Thomas Campello

Altar Guild: Livingston/Braham Team

Music Director: Chris Suzuki **Pianist:** Lorraine Yamamoto

**Please join us for the *SECOND SUNDAY* after *CHRISTMAS*, New Year’s Day.
A Service of Morning Prayer: Lila Johnson, Officiant & The Reverend Bob Steele, Preacher.
January 1, 2023 at 9AM (in person & online)**