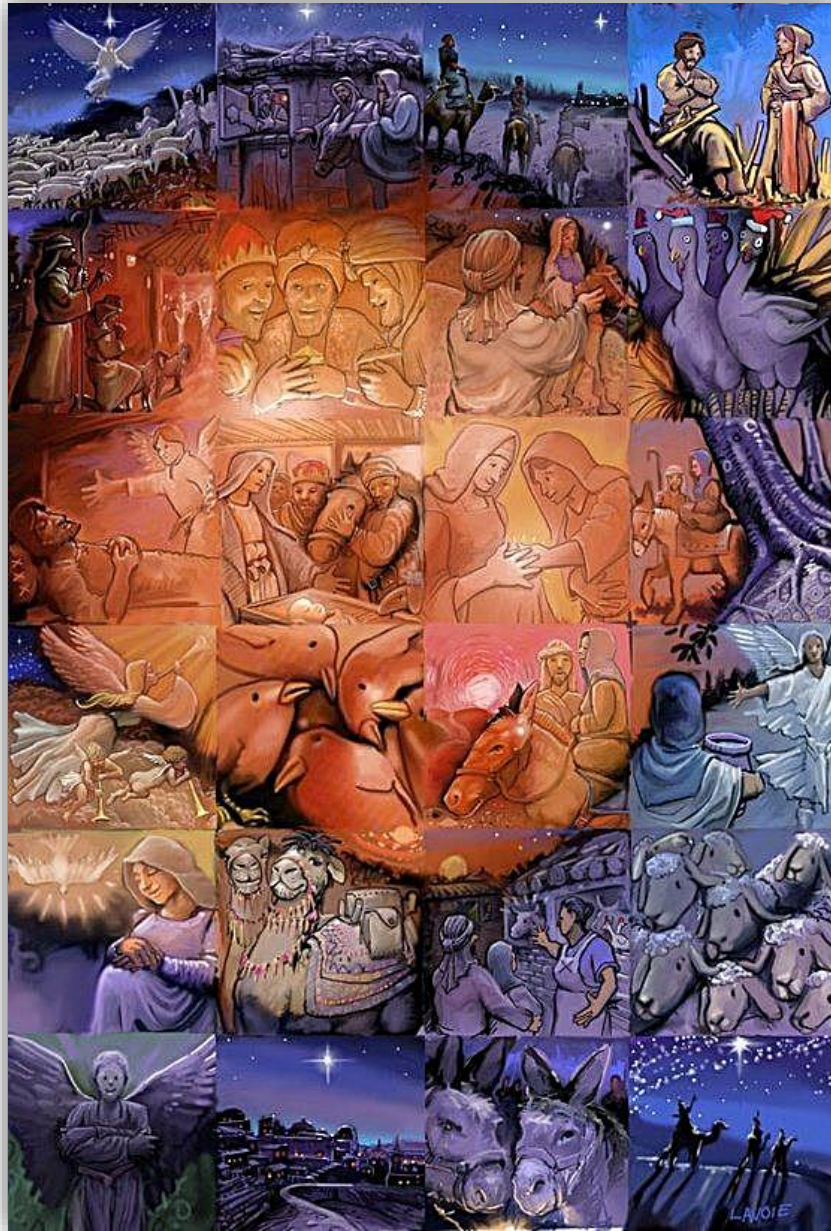


Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025 at 10:00am



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Opening Hymn #83 (verses 1-3) "Oh Come, All ye Faithful"

Please join in the singing!

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 Gloria

The Book of Common Prayer p.356

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Please join in reading Psalm 98 in unison.

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn #79 (verses 1-3) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to

you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

Found on the front cover of the Book of Common Prayer

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

The Prayers of the People: Adapted from the Church of England's *Times and Seasons*

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Loving God, in this holy season, your Son our Savior 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 who are in pain or distress. We remember, especially, those on our parish prayer list.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

In this holy season, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to 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 Ukraine, in Gaza, in Sudan, and 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**.

Loving God, in this holy season, angels and shepherds worshipped 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 priest adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

All Stand. The Celebrant says to the people.

`O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me `oukou.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)

The People respond.

A me `oe pū nō ho`i.

(And also with you!)

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread, Amen.

Offertory Hymn #109 (verses 1-3) "The First Noel"

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana e Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua / The gifts of God for the people of the God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your chest as you approach.*

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 Reverend Libby Berman

The Final Hymn #87 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

The First SUNDAY after Christmas Day, DECEMBER 28 at 9AM

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**~POINSETTIA FLOWER DEDICATIONS~**

Kim Garner -- *Dedicated to my Parents and Grandparents.*

Beverly Toomey -- *Dedicated to all my deceased ohana, and to all my living ohana.*

Jean Yee -- *In memory of Melvin and Laurie with thanksgiving.*

David Callies -- *Dedicated to Anna & Gustav Callies and Norven & Phillis Garrett.*

Lila Johnson -- *In loving memory of Dr. Elmer Johnson and Gail Peterson.*

Chandi Hinrichs -- *For my Friends and Family.*

Jan & Kip Jones -- *In memory of our son Richard Christian, who died on December 26, 1972.*

Jack & Sharon Tonaki -- *In Thanksgiving*

Elizabeth Cunningham -- *In loving memory of my parents, Francis & Daisy Cunningham.*

Sandra Braham -- *In Loving Memory of James & Roann Ednie and Betty Jo Torres and In Honor of James's Birthday.*