

Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist
Friday, December 24, 2021 at 5pm



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A Message from the Bishop

As your Bishop, I deeply appreciate all those medically eligible who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and all those who continue to wear their masks in public and practice social distancing when gathering. Thank you! As Episcopalians, I am convinced this is the very minimum we as God's people can do to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) during this difficult time of a worldwide Pandemic: "Jesus replied, 'The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* No other commandment is greater than these.'" You, God's people, are truly loving your neighbor through these righteous deeds.

Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick

Gathering Music/ Prelude: “Ring Out Wild Bells” (Virtual Choir)

Lyrics by Alfred Tennyson & music by Ben Emberley

Opening: Hymn # 83 v. 1, 3, 6 “O Come all ye Faithful.”

Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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 Bidding *offered by the Celebrant*

Dear People of God: In this Christmas season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and follow in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him in the Garden of Eden until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child, Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise:

The Lessons:

The people are seated for the readings of the day. Lessons as appointed are read, the Reader first saying:

The First Reading

1st Reader: “A Reading from Genesis” (2: 15-25, 3: 1-13, 19)

God creates man and woman to live in the Garden of Eden; Adam and Eve disobey God.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?”’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

Musical Response: Hymn #81v. 1-3 "Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming"

The Second Reading

2nd Reader: "A Reading from Isaiah" (7: 10-15)

God promises that a child will be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.'

Musical Response: "What Child is This?" offered by Kathy Otani (flute)

A Third Reading:

3rd Reader: "A Reading from Luke" (1:26-58)

The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But

she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Musical Response: Hymn #79 v. 1, 2, 5 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

A Fourth Reading:

4th Reader: “A Reading from Luke” (2:1-20)

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!’

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.

Musical Response: Hymn #89 v. 1, 2, 4 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

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:
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 Prayers of the People: Form II The Book of Common Prayer, p. 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially **Dorie & Agenhart, Ulu, Richard, the Townsend Family, Norma & Carlos, Godwin, Hanohano & Makena, Sylvia, Ryan, Blake, Bruce, Olga & Yuri, Taghi, Susan K., Erwin, Heather, Wayne, Jeff & Kristi, Eugene & Lois, and Lora V.** We pray for those with COVID-19 and their caregivers and for those facing employment or housing challenges. We pray for those who have suffered hardship and loss due to natural disasters.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

The Offertory Music: Hymn #100 v. 1, 2, 4 “Joy to the World!”

For those worshipping in person in the church, please note that there is a koa bowl at the rear of the church into which you are encouraged to place your offerings. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during this challenging time!

The Hawaiian Doxology

(video)

Ho'o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,
Ke Kei-ki me ka 'U-ha-ne no,
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-'o-mai-ka-'i pu
Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and says 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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

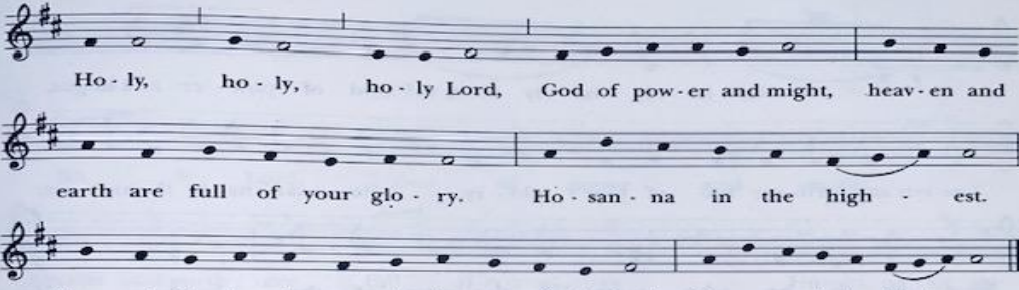
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Holy Eucharist II
Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus* S 124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plain-song*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son

in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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.*

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Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the bottom of the chancel area, keeping social distancing guidelines. If you choose to receive the Sacrament, please return to your seat before consuming it.

If you wish to receive a blessing in place of the Sacrament, please cross your hands over your chest as you approach.

The bread is given to communicants with these words

This is the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *(The people respond: Amen.)*

Communion Music: “Sleep Gently” (Virtual Choir)

Arrangement and production by Ina Young, tune and lyrics by Robert Ragaini

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.

Post- Communion: Hymn #111v. 1-3 “Silent Night”

The Announcements & Blessing

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing: Hymn #87 v.1-3 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The Postlude: Nocturne Op.9 No.2 by Frederic Chopin. Offered by Samuel Chen

FLOWER DEDICATION

Delia & Ed Moore

In Thanksgiving for: Lora Vezzosi, Finn-Hardy-Moore, Maya & Chris Moore

Nina Livingston

In Honor of: Mary Anne McGinness

Vivian Tom

In Memory of: Clarence & Karen Tom

Doug & Alison Kittle

“For our Family and Friends”

Beverly Toomey

In Dedication of: Bill “Bo” Kemp, Regina Kemp & John Kemp

Richard & Anne Sutton

Bill & Patti Shotwell

Carol & Kathy Otani

In Memory of: Kazuo & Ethel Otani

Lila Johnson

In Dedication of: Dr. Elmer Johnson

Gail Peterson

Rosemary Domecki

In Recognition of: The entire HNC Staff

Tusi Mayer

In Dedication of: my mother and my brother Henry

FLOWER DEDICATION cont.

Sumer Howard

In Dedication of: Rita and Family

Sandra Braham

In Dedication of: Roann Ednie, JE Ednie, and Betty Jo Torres

Justin Donahue

In Dedication of: Paul West Jr.

Nobuko Loncar

In Dedication of: John Loncar & Kimo

Jan & Kip Jones

In Dedication of Richard Christian Jones

Chandi Hinrichs

“In Thanksgiving”

Nancy Latham

To my precious Hawai'i family – Jenn, Mike, Anya, and Miles

Jack & Sharon Tonaki

“In Thanksgiving”

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

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

Eucharistic minister: Louisa LeRoux

Readers: Alison Kittle, Brenden Eglinton, Lila Johnson, Rev. Robert Steele

Usher: Rich Miller **Intercessor:** Jean Steele

Technical team: Gretchen & Julia Yamaguchi, Thomas Campello

Altar Guild: Moore/Livingston Teams

Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

Guest Pianist: Samuel Chen

Bookkeeper: Wil Ching

Thrift Shop: Peggy Budlong & Cheri Keefer

MERRY CHRISTMAS & Please join us next Sunday!

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 26th at 9am

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our service today. **If you are attending in person, please fill out the welcome card in the pew and turn it in to the usher after the service.** If you are attending online, please feel free to join us for our virtual coffee hour following the service.