

Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 5pm



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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Those lighting the wreath will come forward. The choir will sing an opening verse. As the instrumental music continues, the reader will begin speaking; the congregation will make the responses indicated in bold, below. After the candles are lit, the congregation will join the choir in singing the final verse, below.

Leader: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

People: Oh come let us adore him!

Leader: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

People: Oh come let us adore him!

Leader: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new light has dawned!

People: Oh come let us adore him!

Leader: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new day has dawned!

People: Oh come let us adore him!

This evening we light all the candles as we open our eyes to the glory of Christ’s birth. As we light the **first candle**, we celebrate the hope that transcends our hurting world. The **second candle** celebrates the peace that tears the veil of hostility and division. The **third candle** celebrates the love that covers our guilt. And as we light the fourth candle, we celebrate the joy that can dry every tear. The flame of the **Christ candle** opens our eyes to God’s everlasting light, as we celebrate the way to worship Christ, our newborn King.

Introit “Lift Up Your Eyes” (Joel Raney)



There will be a brief pause as we prepare for the processional hymn.

Opening Song “O Come All Ye Faithful” J.F Wade; arr. By David Wilcocks

Please join the Choir.

O come all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea Lord we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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.

The First Reading

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 #79 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sung a capella by the HNC Choir

The Second Reading

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 Hymn #115 “What Child Is This?”

Sung a capella by the HNC Choir

The Third Reading:

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.

The Gospel:

Luke 2:1-20

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Musical Response “Go Tell It On the Mountain” Trad. Spiritual; arr. Howard Helvey

Offered by the HNC choir

The Sermon

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

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 (taken from The Church of England's "Times & Seasons")

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

O God, in this holy night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night, 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 night 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 night, 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

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

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!

Offertory Special "A Babe Is Born" Gustav Holst; ed. Douglas Walczak

HNC Choir

The Offertory Hymn “Joy to the World” (Lowell Mason based on Handel; arr. John Rutter)

Please join the Choir.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
let ev’ry heart prepare him room,
and heav’n and nature sing...

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy...

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love...

The Hawaiian Doxology



Ho-'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no, Ke A -

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ku-a mau Ho-'o - mai ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao ko ke - la ao. 'Ā - me - ne.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, _____

heaven 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. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.

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.

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.

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 Music “In the Bleak Midwinter” (Gustav Holst)

Kathy Otani, flute & Lorraine Yamamoto, piano

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 #111 “Silent Night”

Please join choir in singing.

The Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn #87 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (w/trumpet) Felix Mendelssohn, arr. V3 arr. Sir David Wilcocks

Please join the Choir.

Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King;"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,

Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

The 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"*

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

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

Eucharistic minister: Kim Garner

Readers: Stephen Noerper & Wanda Adams & Doug Kittle

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Intercessor:** Jean Steele

Technical team: Alex Picken & Thomas Campello

Altar Guild: Livingston/Braham Teams

Staff:

Music Director: Chris Suzuki Organist: Lorraine Yamamoto

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Please join us for:

Christmas Day Service Sunday Dec 25th at 9:00am

New Year's Day Service of Morning Prayer Sunday Jan. 1st at 9:00am