

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24, 2025, at 5pm



Seeing Shepherds, Daniel Bonnell, artist

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Sunday School on the lanai, except 2nd Sunday for Family Sunday.

Prelude

Prelude Anthem “Prayer” by Karen Gifford

Offered by the HNC Choir

On the first Christmas night Christ was born, bringing new hope to us weary and worn;
Now every Christmas time hope springs again;
We share goodwill and cheer with our fellow man.
Free us from our greed, O Lord, keep us from wrong;
Fill us with Christmas joy all year long;
Guide us to love and serve, and mend what is torn;
This is my prayer, O Lord, on Christmas morn.

Opening Hymn #100 “Joy to the World” *Please join in!*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

The Brown/ Tikhonenkov Family

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.*

Gloria: Hymn #96 “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Please join in!*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people are seated for the readings of the day.

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the

harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 96 *Please read responsively. The congregation will read verses in **bold**.*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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The Gradual # 101 "Away in a Manger"

Please join the choir

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

All standing, the Priest or Deacon reads the Gospel

Deacon or 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.

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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, on 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.**

On 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.**

On this holy night, 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.**

On this holy night, 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.**

On this holy night, 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.**

On 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.**

On 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.**

On 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.**

On 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.**

Loving God, on this holy night, 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.

The Offertory Music “Jesus, What a Wonderful Child!”

Offered by the HNC Choir

Jesus, Jesus oh what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus so lowly, meek, and mild.
New life, New hope, New joy He brings, won’t you listen to angels sing:
Glory, Glory, Glory to the newborn King!
Glory, Glory, Glory to the newborn King!

The Christmas Doxology

All are welcome to join in the singing.

The musical score for the Christmas Doxology is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1: Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, God's on - ly Son. the new* - born

System 2: Praise the Spir - it, ev - er with us. Praise the God - head, Three in One.

System 3: Clear a path! Pre - pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer p. 369

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glor - y. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Blessed! Blessed
is the one who comes Blessed! Blessed! in the name of God.

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 Fraction S-154

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.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a 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 in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. 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.*

Communion Anthem

Recorder duet Amie & Ina - *While By My Sheep* by Gunhild Keetman
Voice/Amie & Piano/Ina - *Betelehema Iki E* (O Little Town of Bethlehem)
Ka Pōla'ela'e Ka Hikina Mai (It Came Upon the Midnight Clear)

“Silent Night” (Verses in English, Hawaiian, and German) *Please join in!*

1 English:

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Hawaiian:

Po la`i e, po kamaha`o,
Maluhia, malamalama
Ka makuahine aloha e
Me ke keiki hemolele e
Moe me ka maluhia lani
Moe me ka maluhia lani

3 German:

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says **E pule kākou. 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

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Hymn #87 “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!

Postlude “Resonet in Laudibus” by Donald Corbett

Ina Young organ/piano

~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.*

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

**Clergy:** The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, and Alison Dingley

**Eucharistic minister:** Lila Johnson

**Readers:** Stephen Noerper & Olesya Noerper

**Torches:** Stephen Noerper & Ethan Miyasaka

**Intercessor:** Mike Latham    **Acolyte:** Andrew Miyasaka    **Usher:** Jack Tonaki

**Technical team:** Alex Picken & Georgia St. Germain

**Music Director:** Ina Young    **Instrumentalist:** Amie

**The Holy Nativity Choir**

Join us *tomorrow* for Christmas Day Service at 10am in Monteiro Chapel

~and~

Join us *this* Sunday, for the first Sunday *after* Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28, 2024 at 9am

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Parish Prayer List: Adele, Lisa May, Raj & Renu, Eric & Katy, Peter, Gia, Kevin, Michael, Carol, Lorraine, Cora, Malia, and the family of Michelle Hanapi.