

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 7:30am, 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

(Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)

Welcome

Hymn

Mary, when the angel's voice

see Pg. 12

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy

Joseph A. Eppink



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 1982 #56

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all human kind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

The First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7

Read responsively by whole verse. Congregation reads the verses in bold.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymnal 1982, #66

Before the Gospel we sing:

After the Gospel we sing:

Verse 1:

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

Verse 4:

**By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor 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 forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David Gierlach

Music Meditation

(7:30am)

(10:00am)

Manny Dayao

Dr. Joseph Eppink

Nicene Creed

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 I, BCP, pg. 383
After each petition, the response is "Lord, have mercy."

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP, pg. 360

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *People look east* See pg. 13

Offertory Response *tune: O bless the Lord, my soul*

**The advent of our King
Our thoughts must now employ;
Then let us meet him on the road
With songs of holy joy.**

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. By Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt. Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Hymnal S130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 God,
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection 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 Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; **grant us peace.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are

encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.

** Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.*

** Gluten free wafers are available upon request of the server.*

** You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).*

** If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.*

For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Communion Music

Star-Child, earth-child
Chancel Choir

Murray

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Forth Hymn

The angel Gabriel

Hymnal 1982, #265

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request.

Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month.

Joe & Kathleen C., Sim K., Natalia P., Helena W., Ediza T., Dennis C., Rosie C., Colleen C. Brian D., Peter D., Erin E., Ron E., Catherine F., Iris, Sue J., Judy & Maurice, Suzanne K.,

Hilary K., Gary K., Gerald K., Gerald L., Judy M., Gilbert M., Damon N., Dara N., Kelly N., Keith O., Ralph P., Franklin P., Monica P., Sherri P-H., Janet P., Cynthia R., Patricia S., Jim T., Stuart U., David, Charity & Jackson V., Barbara V., Ian W., Roland W., Tim Y. and those impacted by the Maui wildfires.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Stuart Hanchett, brother of Tiare Ono.

If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono or the church office.

TODAY

Mahalo Fr. David for leading us in worship this morning!

This morning, after the second service, help decorate the Christmas trees with red bulbs (ornaments), bring up the small poinsettia plants from the Aloha Rm for the chancel area.

Help everyone get to know one another– wear a name tag! Name tags are on the board in the Ewa Makai corner, alphabetized by first name. If you don't have a nametag yet, please add your name to the clipboard on the table at the back door, and we will create one for you. Thank you for contributing to the welcoming atmosphere of this church! If you are visiting, welcome! We hope this will help us get to know each other.

Assistive Listening Devices are available to assist those who would like a boost in the volume of sound. These are small, over the ear devices with individual volume controls. Please see one of the ushers if you would like to use one of these devices.

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions. Coffee and cookies are served after the 7:30am service and parents are welcome to fellowship and to mingle while your children are learning about God's Word. During services, we have a bookcase with "worship kits" and books along the back mauka wall under the AED red "heart" for children to use. Children are welcome to exchange items throughout the service. The Bell Tower (the little room by the children's bookcase) is available for younger ones who need room to move around and play. Feel free to get up and move around throughout the service (likewise, those of you who have bad backs and need to stretch!)

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Dec. 29th – 9:30am, one service only.

Advent resource for families available –Pamphlets from The Episcopal Church are available for families to take home and use during the Advent season to help create space for faithful conversations and experiences together. Pick one up at the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Christian Adventure on hiatus Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. The adventure resumes on Sun. Jan. 12!

Windows Book Revision! We are thrilled to announce that the book "Windows of Light, Windows of Hope" will soon undergo a revision! This is an exciting opportunity for you to enhance the book by adding new pictures or helping to refine the content through identifying typos or necessary corrections. If you have ideas or contributions, we encourage you to reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com by mid-January. Your participation will not only improve the quality of the book but also ensure that future readers enjoy the best possible experience. Don't miss your chance to make a meaningful impact on this wonderful publication!

On Feb 2, 2025, join us for Evensong and a Celebration of Chinese New Year! We are thrilled to announce a festive celebration in honor of the Year of the Snake! Join us for a culturally enriching experience brimming with creativity, joy, and a sense of community. We'll kick off the festivities with an engaging service, followed by a celebration featuring delicious delicacies that will make this event unforgettable. If you'd like to assist us in planning this occasion, please reach out to Joseph at josepheppink@gmail.com!

Stewardship Pledge Cards - If you haven't already done so, please turn in your 2025 pledge cards. This information will help the budget committee plan for 2025. You may mail it or drop it into a collection bowl. Thank you! If you

have misplaced your card or did not receive one, please find one on the table at the back of the church.

Healing chicken jook is available in the Parish Hall freezer. The Soul Food Ministry gathered to replenish a supply of nourishing chicken jook for those in need of healing and comfort food. Check with the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 23: 8:30am-10:30am Set up candles down the middle aisle, and large poinsettia plants on the altar

Tues. Dec. 24, 5:00pm “Come to the Manger!” Christmas lessons and carols for all ages, St. Andrew’s Cathedral. See pop-up pageant, keiki hula and Bishop Fitzpatrick retelling the Christmas story in scripture and song. Angels, shepherds, Magi, star and story brought to life!

Tue. Dec. 24, 8:00pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, a wonderful time to sing favorite Christmas hymns and for praying. The Rev. Ruth Peterson will preside as we await the birth of Jesus.

Wed. Dec. 25, 9:30am – Christmas Day Service. The Rev. Ruth Peterson will preside as we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

Wed. Dec. 25, No Bible study on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Bible study resumes on Jan. 8, 10:00am by ZOOM.

Thur. Dec. 26, 6:00pm – No Jazz Vespers services on Dec. 26 and Jan.2. Jazz Vespers will resume “in person” and on church Facebook page and website on Jan. 9.

Sun. Dec. 29, 9:30am – Only one Sunday combined worship service

Sun. Jan. 5 – Pastor Ruth’s first official Sunday with Coffee Hour after each service: 7:30am in the Parish Hall; 10:00am in the church foyer

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) can be found online at www.bcponline.org

Mary, when the angel's voice

1. Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,
 2. Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,
 3. Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pat - ing,
 4. God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your child - ren mat - ter.

dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.
 you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.
 nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.
 From op - pres - sion raise the poor, proud and might - y scat - ter.

May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,
 When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,
 So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter.
 Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.

e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.
 dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.
 to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour - age al - ter.
 Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Shar - on.

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People Look East



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing of ___ the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Stars, keep the watch. What night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life ___ to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the heart and set ___ the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun ___ and moon to -
earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Guest is on ___ the way.
flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to - day Love, the Rose, is on ___ the way.
gether - er. Peo - ple look east, and sing to - day Love the Star, is on ___ the way.
com - ing. Peo - ple look east, and sing to - day Love the Lord, is on ___ the way.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. David Gierlach
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight, Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Keisha Webster
	(10:00am)	Hal Halvorson
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Gail Haruki
	(10:00am)	Jan Yap
Live-streaming	(7:30am)	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
		Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Ron Kim
Greeters	(7:30am)	Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Ushers	(7:30am)	Nancy Rowe, Myron & Beth Chang
Greeters/Ushers	(10:00am)	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
		Velma & Keith Lee, Haroldwyn Chang
Altar Guild		Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood
		Cheryl Bochentin, Ann Ho
Bread for Communion		Rosa Dayao, Haroldwyn Chang
Cashiers		Barton & Beth Cox
Next week's Celebrant		Robert Wight, Susan Dang
		The Rev. David Gierlach

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