



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

1317 Queen Emma Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**December 25, 2024**

**9:30am**

## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

### Prelude

**Processional Hymn**    *O come, all ye faithful (vs. 1,3,5,6)*    **Hymnal 1982, 83**

**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;**

*Refrain:*

**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 heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;    *Refrain***

**Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?    *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;    *Refrain***

## The Word of God

*Presider*    O come let us adore him. Unto us a Savior is born!  
                  May the joy and peace of Christ be with you all.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## **The Collect**

*Presider* Let us pray.

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**      *Angels, from the realms of glory*      **Hymnal 1982, #93**

1. **Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**
  
2. **Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar,  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
You have seen his morning star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**
  
3. **Though an infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his heav'nly throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading**

**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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*Joy to the world*

**Hymnal 1982, #100**

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing. *Repeat 3 times***

**Joy to the world! The savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy. *Repeat 3 times***

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found. *Repeat 3 times***

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love. *Repeat 3 times***

**Second Reading**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing.*

Hymn

*Good Christian friends rejoice*

Hymnal 1982, #107

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**The Christmas Gospel**

**Luke 2:13-20**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn

*Good Christian friends rejoice*

Hymnal 1982, #107

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Ruth**

**Music Meditation**

*O Holy Night*

Adam

## **The Nicene Creed** *All stand and say:*

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*After each prayer petition, the people are invited to respond “**hear our prayer.**”*

In Christmas joy and hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
For the Church and Christians throughout the world, that as we celebrate  
the birth of Christ, we will be moved to greater faithfulness in the way of  
Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For peace and justice in our world, that nations will resolve conflicts by  
serving the common good; and for the care and restoration of the earth, that

our reverence will grow for all of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the respect and dignity of all people, that we will honor God's creative presence in each person; and in seeing the suffering of humanity, that we will recognize our responsibility toward one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are lonely and whose dreams have faltered, that the wonder and promise of the Christ child will bring hope; for those who are ill, healing; and for those who are grieving, comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Bless your people, O Lord, and turn our faces ever toward you. For peace, for mercy, for the sake of all that is holy. We come to adore you, O Christ, **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Offering**

*Presider* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. (*Revelation 4:11*)



*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 bowl so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here*

*QR code for electronic giving*

**Offertory Music**

*Away in a Manger*  
Jenna Matsumoto, Soloist

Kirkpatrick

*All stand as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Offertory Response**      *The first Nowell (vs 1, 6)*      **Hymnal 1982, #109**

**The first Nowell the angels did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

(Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p.372)

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*      It is truly right to glorify you and to give you thanks, O God, for you alone are living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Angels we have heard on high. Singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

**Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo.**

*The presider continues.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and

serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, O God, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

O God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*    **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.



Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

*People* **Make yourself known to us, O Christ, in the breaking of  
bread and the sharing of the cup.**

### **The Communion of the People**

*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.*

*\* 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**

*Christmas Medley*

Joseph Eppink & Mike Lewis

## Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Sending Forth Hymn**     *Hark! The herald angels sing*     **Hymnal 1982, #87**

**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 the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of  
Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

## The Dismissal

*Presider*     Filled with the joy of Christ's birth,  
                  go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**        *Angels We Have Heard on High*        Joseph Eppink & Mike Lewis



## Upcoming Events

- ⌘ **No Bible Study today and Jan. 1**
- ⌘ **No Jazz Vespers, Thursday, Dec 26 and Jan. 2**
- ⌘ **Sunday, December 29, 9:30am—1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
(NOTE: One service only)
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 5, 7:30am and 10:00am Worship – Celebration of the Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord**  
(Coffee Hour after both services)
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 19, 9:00am – Q&A prior to Annual Meeting**
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 26, 8:45am — St. Peter’s Annual Meeting of the Parish**

**A blessed Christmas to all from  
the St. Peter’s Staff!**

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## Ministers at the Service

Presider	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Organist	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Trumpeter	Mike Lewis
Lectors	Sim Kau, Beth Cox
Intercessor	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa
Eucharistic Ministers	Haroldwyn Chang
Acolytes	Lily and Jasmine Dayao
Greeters	Haroldwyn Chang, Keith & Velma Lee Bryan Matsumoto, Cheryl Saito
Offering Ushers	Sue Jennings & Harley Clark
Live-Streaming	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang, Ron & Janet Kim Konstantinos Karampakakis Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa

## The St. Peter's Staff

	Rector	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
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## 2024 Christmas Dedications

- ❖ **Valerie Y. Baldovi** In loving memory of Louis Baldovi, Juanita Yap, Willis Yap, Sr. Flavia Baldovi, Leocadio Baldovi, Mr. & Mrs. Yap See Young and Family
- ❖ **Myron & Beth Chang** In loving memory of Eleanor & Warren Chang, Rita Pound, Jim Collie. In thanksgiving of Myron Chang
- ❖ **Harley Clark & Sue Jennings** In loving memory of Clark, Hunt and Jennings Families. In thanksgiving for our new Pastor Ruth
- ❖ **Margaret Chun** In loving memory of Edward Kin Chun, Dorothy Aila, Ethel May, Walter & Robert Luke
- ❖ **Peter and Leila Diamond** In thanksgiving and for the safety, protection and discernment of our son, Peter “Eli” Diamond as he endeavors in his aviation training
- ❖ **Lynda Hino, Dennis Chew, Daryl Chew, Yolanda Griffiths** In loving memory of Violet & Clarence Chew
- ❖ **Melvin, Sim, Lisa & Dani Kau** In loving memory of E.K. Ng, Vivian Kau, Dr. & Mrs. Edward Kau, Mdm. Lau Kok Kim, Poh Ee, Lau Peng Koon, Sar Kor, Caroline Chan
- ❖ **Ronald, Janet, Velma & Ashlyn Kim** In thanksgiving for family, friends and all life’s blessings
- ❖ **The Kong Family** Given in loving memory and thanksgiving of Dr. Raymond & Estelle Kong, by their Ohana

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## 2024 Christmas Dedications, (cont.)

- ❖ **Colin & Pamela Leong, Robert & Laura C. Thue, Dan & Mei Ching, Cheryl Bochentin** In loving memory and thanksgiving of Sam & Florence Ching, Daniel & Ethel Ching, Lee-Anne Leong Tagawa, Hans-Gerd Bochentin
- ❖ **Tricia, Bryan & Jenna Matsumoto** In loving memory of Pat Hirata, Fred Matsumoto, Leora Murakami
- ❖ **Ruth Merz** In loving memory and honor of loved ones
- ❖ **Ray & Tiare Ono** Remembering with love Lani and Puanani Hanchett, Stuart Hanchett, and Alfred and Alston Ono. Grateful thanks to everyone who shared their prayers and comfort to our family
- ❖ **Pastor Ruth Peterson** In loving memory of Duane and Betty Peterson
- ❖ **Cheryl Saito, Velma Lee, and Franklin Kau** In loving memory of Jasmine & Ben Kau, Ethel & Richard Saito, Anna & Robert Lee, Shoo Tsin Tseu, Ruth Kau, Philip Kau, and Theodore Saito
- ❖ **Joanne Shibuya** In loving memory of Ray & Eleanor Kashiwada, Ray & Gail Wong, Kenneth Yamaguchi, and all dear family and friends who have left this world to be with Christ
- ❖ **Susan Sugiyama** In loving memory of Joso & Miyuki Uyetake, & Stephen Uyetake
- ❖ **Patricia Suzuki** In loving memory of Jordan Jay
- ❖ **John & Anthea Wang** In loving memory of Chei Suei Wang, Tsia Hong Wang, Rush Pullium
- ❖ **Ian, Dina, Elyse, Chloe, Jenna, Cindy, Ky, Casey and Becca Wong**  
In loving memory of Donald & Emily Wong, Jon Wong and Beatrice Lyen