

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

December 25, 2021, 9:30am

## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*Welcome on this holy morning!*

### Organ Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*O come, all ye faithful*

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)***

**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

### Salutation

*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.

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.**

**Gloria**                      *Angels, from the realms of glory*                      Hymnal 1982 #93  
**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.**

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 62:6-12**

*The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed for the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.*

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.**

### **Second Reading**

**Titus 3:4-7**

*God saves us not because of what we do. Rather, God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit.*

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**

*Go tell it on the mountain*

Hymnal 1982, #99

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**The Gospel of Luke 2:1-20**

*The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.*

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

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All stand and sing.*

**Hymn**

*Go tell it on the mountain*

**Hymnal 1982, #99**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Diane**

**Music Meditation**

**Dr. Joseph Eppink**

**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.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace ("Touchless")**

*Priest* 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.*

**Offering** - *Thank you for your financial gifts to the church. You can donate*

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Special Music

St. Peter's Choir

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, Book of Common Prayer 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—ri-a, in excelsis Deo.**

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*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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Communion of the People**

*During this time of pandemic and per our bishop, eucharist will be in "one kind" only. The Eucharistic Doctrine of Concomitance affirms the simultaneous presence of Christ's body and blood in each of the eucharistic elements. It upholds the understanding that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine.*

### **Communion Music**

**Dr. Joseph Eppink**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**God of abundance, 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**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Organ Postlude**

#### **Ministers at the Service**

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Diane Martinson
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Lector:</b>	Kyle Saito
<b>Table Greeters/Ushers:</b>	Haroldwyn Chang, Keith & Velma Lee,
<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Terry Dang, Michele Baldovi

#### **The St. Peter's Staff**

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Diane Martinson
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<b>Custodians</b>	Oriel and Caridad Agcaoili

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**The ADA Restroom** and family restrooms with baby changing tables are located off the Parish Hall lanai (the building directly behind the church) through the blue door.



*Join us for the upcoming Christmas & Epiphany services:*

Sunday, Dec. 26, 7:30am and 10:00am - Christmas Sunday (John's gospel)

Thursday, Dec. 30, 6:00pm - Christmas Jazz Vespers

Sunday, Jan. 2, 7:30am and 10:00am - Epiphany Sunday Services

Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:00pm - Epiphany Jazz Vespers

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## *Christmas Dedications* *2021*

**John Afong** In memory of Frances Afong Hill

**Joe & Kathleen Chang & Family and Doreen Yuen & Family** In memory of Kim Fong & Sarah Chong, and Alfred Yuen

**Harley Clark & Sue Jennings** In memory of Clark, Jennings and Hunt families

**Adrienne Ching**

In thanksgiving and loving memory of the departed family and loved ones

**Rebecca Ching** In memory of Donald W.F. Ching.

**Myron & Beth Chang** In memory of Eleanor Chang, Warren Chang, Rita Pound, Annette Chang, Jim Collie, Ed Collie

In thanksgiving of Myron Chang

**Margaret Chun** In memory of Edward K. Chun and Dorothy Aila

**Gee Sing and Stephanie Goo** In memory of James and Moo Kee Lee and Ivy Mah

**Stanley S. & Lynda Hino** In Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**Kenneth, Estelle & Jarrett Inn** In memory of David, Edith and Ervin Kau and Peter and Esther Yee.

In thanksgiving for St. Peter's 'Ohana.

**Melvin, Sim, Lisa & Carole Kau**

In memory of Dr. Edward & Eleanor Kau, Mr. & Mrs. Ng, Ms. Vivian Kau, Lau Peng Koon, Poh Ee, Madam Lau Kok Kim, Mrs. Quek.

**Ronald, Janet, Ashlyn and Velma Kim** In thanksgiving for family, friends and all God's blessings.

**Patricia & George Kim** In memory of Richard & Pauline Au

**The Kong Family** In loving memory of Raymond and Estelle Kong.



## *Christmas Dedications* *2021*

**Elaine Lo** In memory of Chris Lo, Francis & Beatrice Fung, Daniel Fung, Cecil Yip, Lily Fung, May Kau, Eileen Haynse

**Pauline Lum** In memory of Benjamin Lum, Vernon & Eul-Soon Fo, John & Bertha Fo

**Ruth Merz**

In loving memory of family & friends, past and present, and in thanksgiving for so many blessings.

**The Family of Cheryl Saito, Velma Lee , and Franklin Kau and their Families**

In loving memory of Benjamin & Jasmine Kau, Robert & Anna Lee, Richard & Ethel Saito, Shoo Tsin Tseu, Ruth Kau, Philip Kau & Theodore Saito.

**Kelly Pang** In memory of Lynda Pang, Yee Toy & David Chang, Sun Yee & Edward You, Harry Goo, Lawrence Chang, Albert Ching, Jessie & David Lee, Arthur Chang, Elbert Chang

In thanksgiving of Goo, Pang, Lee, Ching and Chang Ohana, and St. Peter's

**Robert and Karen Savala**

In thanksgiving of Pomai Savala in remission

**T & E Stewart**

In thanksgiving of Jazz Vespers