

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*A beacon of hope, a call to serve*

## Christmas Day

December 25, 2020 9:30am

## Aloha and Welcome

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



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**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
December 25, 2020  
9:30am**

**Organ Prelude**

**Greeting**

**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 Word of God**

**The Collect**

*Presider* May the joy and peace of Christ be with you all. 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.

## **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."

Here ends the reading.

## **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.

Here ends the reading.

## **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!**

**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 Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Luke 2:1-20**

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.

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Diane**

**Music Meditation**

**Dr. Joseph Eppink**

**The 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

For health care professionals caring for those with COVID and for researchers and those along the distribution network bringing vaccines to the world, that this pandemic will come to an end. For teachers educating our children and frontline workers keeping the economy functioning; for those who are unemployed and small business owners struggling to survive, that their determination and hope for the future will remain strong. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Offering** - *We thank you for your financial faithfulness to the church during this challenging time, enabling St. Peter's to continue to fulfill its mission to be "A Beacon of Hope, A Call to Serve." Your financial gifts can be mailed to the church or you can donate online at [www.stpetershonolulu.org](http://www.stpetershonolulu.org).*

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer D  
Book of Common Prayer**

*Presider:* Let us lift our hearts to the Lord and give our thanks and praise.

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,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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

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**

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

## **The Communion of the People**

*- You are invited to receive Communion by remaining in the pew and placing out the palm of your hand as the priest walks by. The wafer will be dropped into your palm.*

*- Gluten-free bread is available, please indicate your need by extending only one hand, the other crossed on your chest.*

## **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**

**Postlude**    *Joy to the World*



## TODAY'S MINISTERS

<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Live Streaming</b>	Terry Dang
<b>Table Greeters</b>	Velma Lee
	Haroldwyn Chang
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa Kau

The wreath on the pulpit was created for Jane Pang by Suzi Swartman, Tiare Ono's sister. We display its beauty in memory of Jane.

## The St. Peter's Staff

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Diane Martinson
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