



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Diane Martinson, *Rector*

## Welcome!

### Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church on this Holy Night!

Whether you are a long-time member of this parish or you are visiting for the first time, it is a joy to have you with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. All are welcome here, and we hope you will feel God's love and grace through this community.

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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.

### Upcoming Christmas & Epiphany Services:

*All services are "in person" and live-streamed.*

- ⌘ Christmas Day, December 25, 9:30am
- ⌘ Christmas Sunday, December 26, 7:30am & 10:00am
- ⌘ Christmas Jazz Vespers, Thursday, Dec. 30, 6:00pm
- ⌘ Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 7:30am & 10:00am
- ⌘ Epiphany Jazz Vespers, Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:00pm

# The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ December 24, 2021, 8:00p.m.

*If you are visiting, please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering bowl by the door. We are so happy to have you join us this holy night! Congregation participation in **bold**.*

## Organ Prelude

*All stand and sing.*

**The Processional 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.**

**God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only begotten Son of the Father;**

*(Refrain)*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;**

*(Refrain)*

## The Word of God

*All remain standing.*

*Presider*      The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*People*      **Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
the light no darkness can overcome.**

*Presider*      May the grace and love of Christ be with you all.

*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.**

*All are seated.*

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music**

*The First Nowell*

**Jenna Matsumoto, soloist**

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

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

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 our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn Response**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**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. Glo—ri-a, in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo. Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo.**

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**

Pastor Diane

**Music Meditation**

*O Holy Night*

Manny Dayao

**Prayers of the People**

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

On this holy night, 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. Your financial gifts can be placed in the offering bowl at the doors, mailed to the church or you can donate online at [www.stpetershonolulu.org](http://www.stpetershonolulu.org).*

**Special Music**

**St. Peter's Choir**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (Enriching Our Worship 1)

*The people remain standing.*

*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 continues.*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*All sing.*

*Hymnal 1082 #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!**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and

restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People* **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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**

*All stand.*

## **The Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Lights are dimmed as the congregation remains standing and sings.*

**Silent Night** (*verse 3 is a cappella*)

Hymnal 1982 #111

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glorious stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

## **A Christmas Prayer & Blessing**



*The lights come up. All remain standing.*

**Sending Forth 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)**

**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,**

**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)**

### **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**

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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

### **Ministers at this Service**

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Diane Martinson
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Pianist:</b>	Manny Dayao
<b>Soloist:</b>	Jenna Matsumoto
<b>Lector:</b>	Janet Kim
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bryan & Tricia Matsumoto
<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang

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

<b>Rector</b>	The Rev. Diane Martinson
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dr. Joseph Eppink
<b>Lay Associate for Worship and Music</b>	Manny Dayao
<b>Office Manager</b>	Susan Sugiyama
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Richert Au Hoy
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*From the staff of St. Peter's,  
a blessed and joyous Christmas to all!*

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