

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A beacon of hope, a call to serve

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020 8:00pm Online

Aloha and Welcome

We are blessed to have you join us for worship this evening!



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**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him (3x), Christ the Lord.**

Opening Sentences and Collect

Presider The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can
overcome. May the grace and love of Christ be with you all.

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.**

Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Hymnal 1982, #89

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Jaime Wond

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.

Psalm 96

Led by Amy Ono and Catie Wiecking

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;

ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the
Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

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 man 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 Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14*Read by Bill McKinney*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Musical Piece *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / What Child Is This*
Ashlyn Kim, Flute; Madi Yee, Violin

The Holy Gospel**Luke 2:1-7**

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.

Choir Anthem*Away in the Manger (Cradle Song)***Luke 2:8-14**

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!”

Jazz Ensemble *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Luke 2:15-20

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.

Solo *Mary, Did You Know* Chatterton
Soloist: Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes, Accompanist: Dr. Joseph Eppink

The Homily

Christmas Collage *O Holy Night* *Manny Dayao, pianist*

Hymn *O little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal 1982 #79

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.**

Where children pure and h-ap-py pray to the blessed Child,
where mi-ser-y cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild;
where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
and Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Prayers of the People *Led by The Rev. Cn. Frank & Norma Chun*
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.

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.**

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.

Musical Offering *“I Pray on Christmas”* Harry Connick, Jr.
Sung by Manny Dayao and Family (Rosa, Lily, Jasmine)

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.**

Candlelight on Christmas Eve

You are invited to light a candle while we sing “Silent Night.”

Hymn

Silent Night

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

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,
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)

Presider With the joy of Christ's birth,
embrace hope, loving and serving the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Organ Improvisation on "Mendelssohn"*

ST. PETER'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Band Director: Reggie Padilla, Tenor Saxophone
Dan Del Negro, Piano
Abuid Flores, Bass
Starr Kalahiki, Vocals

ST. PETER'S CHOIR

Choir Director: Dr. Joseph Eppink, Pianist
Sim Kau, Taka Kimura, Junko Kobayashi-Uyetake,
Jenna Matsumoto, Tim Yuen, Mel Kau
Ashlyn Kim, Flute; Madi Yee, Violin
Soloists: Renee Baldovi, Ritabelle Fernandes

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