

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

1317 Queen Emma Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024, 8:00pm

Carols for Congregation

The congregation is invited to sing as indicated.

CONGREGATION

Once in royal David's city (vs 1, 2, 3,6)

Hymnal #102

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. We, like Mary, rest confounded
that a stable should display
heaven's Word, the world's creator,
cradled there on Christmas Day,
yet this child, our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in Heaven,
where his saints his throne surround;
Christ, revealed to faithful eye
Set at God's right hand on high.

CHANCEL CHOIR

He is Born

French Carol

CONGREGATION

It came upon a midnight clear (vs. 1,3,4)

Hymnal #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.

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 hu-mankind hears not the tiding 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.**

SOLO

Angels We Have Heard on High
Renee Baldovi, Soloist

French Carol

CONGREGATION

The snow lay on the ground

Hymnal #110

**1 The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ the Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite, adoremus Dominum,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.**

Refrain:

**Venite, adoremus Dominum,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.**

**2 'Twas Mary, Virgin pure of holy Anne,
That brought into this world the God made man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The ass and oxen shared the roof with them. *Refrain***

**3 Saint Joseph, too was near to tend the child,
To guard him, and protect his mother mild:
The angels hover'd round, and sang this song:
Venite, adoremus Dominum. [Refrain]**

**4 And thus that manger poor became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heav'nly host,
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Refrain***

CHANCEL CHOIR

Star-Child, earth-child

Murray

CONGREGATION

The First Nowell (vs 1,2,6)

Hymnal #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.**

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They look-ed up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.** *Refrain*

**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.** *Refrain*

SOLO

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Chucky Nakoa, Guitar



The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Congregation participation in bold.

Organ Prelude

Improvisation on Venite adoremus

Eppink

All stand and sing.

The Processional Hymn *O come, all ye faithful (vs 1,2,3,5,6)* **Hymnal #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*
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

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.**

Presider 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

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.

Psalm 96 *Congregation joins in singing the refrain*

TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR

Psalm 96

Francis Patrick O'Brien

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'To - day is born our Sav - ior, born our'. The second staff contains 'Sav - ior, Christ the Lord! To - day is'. The third staff contains 'Sav - ior, born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord!'.

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1. Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord; bless God's name.
Bless the name of God.

Refrain

2. Tell his salvation day after day.
Tell God's glory among the nations;
among all peoples.
Tell God's wondrous deeds.

Refrain

3. Heaven and earth be glad in the Lord;
Seas and plains resound in our God;
Trees of the forest exult with joy!
Bless the name of God.

Refrain

4. They shall exult before the Lord,
For God comes to rule the earth.
God shall rule with faithfulness,
Faithfulness and justice.

Refrain

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Thanks be to God.

All stand.

CONGREGATION

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal #99

**Ref: Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!**

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Over the hills and everywhere;
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That Jesus Christ is born!**

**1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.**

**3. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.**

The Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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!”

The Congregation joins in singing:

**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.

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.

All sing.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo. Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Pastor Ruth

Music Meditation

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.**

The 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!

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Offertory Music

Manny Dayao

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

All stand and sing, as the gifts are brought forward.

Offertory Response *Angels from the realms of glory (vs 1,4)* **Hymnal #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.**

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Be joyful in Christ.

People **Our Savior has come.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider continues.

We praise you, God, and give thanks, for this night our Savior is born. In Jesus we see your love for the world: His humble birth, his life lived for others, his suffering and death in our place. Like the shepherds of old, and Mary and Joseph, with Christians everywhere this night, we worship and adore Christ, our Lord.

All sing.

Hark! The herald angels sing (vs 1)

Hymnal #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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, who was and is and is to come, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 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.**

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

Coventry Celtic Carol
Chancel Choir

English Carol

Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem (vs 1,4,5)

Hymnal #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.**

**Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
where misery 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!**

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.

Hymn After Communion

Silent Night

Hymnal #111

Pō la`i ē, pō kama-ha`o, Malu-hia, mālama-lama
Ka makua-hine aloha ē,
Me ke keiki hemolele ē
Moe me ka maluhia la-ni, Moe me ka maluhia lanī

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 and Blessing

The lights come up. All remain standing.

Sending Forth Hymn

Joy to the World

Hymnal #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 line 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 line 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 line 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 line 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.**

Postlude

Improvisation on *Mendelssohn*

Eppink



Upcoming Events

- ⌘ **Christmas Day Worship, Thursday, December 25, 9:30am** - one service only
- ⌘ **No Christmas Jazz Vespers, Thursday, Dec 26. Jazz Vespers resumes on Jan. 9th, 6:00pm** – “in person” and on church Facebook page and website.
- ⌘ **Sunday, December 29, 9:30am—First Sunday after Christmas** - one service only. The Rev. David Gierlach will lead the service.
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 5, 7:30am and 10:00am Worship**
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 19, 9:00am – Q&A prior to Annual Meeting**
- ⌘ **Sunday, January 26, 8:45am — St. Peter’s Annual Meeting of the Parish**



The Ministers at the Service

Presider	The Rev. Ruth Peterson
Deacon	The Rev. Peter Wu
Organist	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Musician	Manny Dayao
Guitarist	Chucky Nakoa
Soloist	Renee Baldovi
Lectors	Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Beth Chang
Intercessor	Janet Kim
Eucharistic Ministers	Chucky Nakoa
Crucifer	Devan Pang
Acolytes	Lily & Jasmine Dayao
Greeters	Myron Chang, Willis Yap
Offering Ushers	Sue Jennings and Harley Clark
Live-Streaming	Terry Dang, Manny Dayao, Ron Kim Konstantinos Karampakakis, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa

The St. Peter's Staff

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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 memory of Jordan Jay
- ❖ **John & Anthea Wang** In 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

