

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25 at 9am



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*We welcome everyone to in-person and on-line worship! For safety reasons, those worshipping in person at the church please make all spoken responses **quietly**. We look forward to "making a joyful noise unto the Lord" together whenever it is deemed safe for us to do so!*

Gathering Music

Lorraine Yamamoto

Opening Hymn #109 “The First Nowell”

The congregation may sing along quietly, as Chris Suzuki and Lorraine Yamamoto lead this hymn. During the hymn, those lighting the wreath will come forward and stand near the wreath.

The first Nowell the angel 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.

They looked 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.

And by the light of that same star.
Shining in the east beyond them far,
Three wisemen came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wisemen three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And win his blood our life hath bought.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Those lighting the wreath will light all five candles, including the Christmas “Christ” candle and then return to their seats.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7 _____ Kim Garner

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.

Psalm 98

Reader Please join me in reading Psalm 98 in unison.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: 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 Gradual Hymn #101 “Away in a Manger”

The congregation may sing along quietly, as Chris Suzuki and Lorraine Yamamoto lead this hymn.

Christmas 101

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

The Gospel: John 1: 1-14

The Rev. Libby Berman

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Homily

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Nicene Creed

ICET 1988 Text

The Celebrant begins. The people join in.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who 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: Form II (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 385*)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Kelly, Hanohano, Chris, Lola, Sylvia, Heidi, and Deedie, Heather, Ronnie, Wayne, and Guthrie. We pray for all those who have the Corona virus, caregivers, and for those who are working toward a vaccine or other measures of relief. We pray for those currently facing unemployment.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We give thanks today for the nativity of Jesus, the Holy Child of Mary. We give thanks for this, our Church of the Holy Nativity, in our festival season. May we honor its namesake with our continuing faith and actions.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant offers the greeting of peace to the congregation. Those worshipping at the church please offer greetings to one another from a distance; feel free to wave, bow, offer shakas, or take other joyful actions of greeting. Those worshipping in person and at home, please remember one another, as we are one!

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People And also with you!



Offertory Hymn #107 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

The congregation may sing along quietly, as Chris Suzuki and Lorraine Yamamoto lead this hymn.

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 forevermore.
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!
call you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

For those worshipping in person in the church, please note that there is a koa bowl at the rear of the church into which you are encouraged to place your offerings. For those worshipping at home, please continue to support Holy Nativity with your pledges and financial gifts by sending checks to Church of the Holy Nativity, 5286 Kalaniana’ole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821. Thank you to all those who have responded generously during this challenging time!

The Hawaiian Doxology *(Hymn #380 in the 1982 Hymnal)*

The congregation may sing along quietly, as Chris Suzuki and Lorraine Yamamoto lead this hymn.

Ho’o - na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a,
Ke Kei-ki me ka ‘U-ha-ne no,
Ke-A-ku-a mau Ho-’o-mai-ka-’i pu
Ko kei-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. A-me-ne.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers deliver the Bread to the people at the station at the bottom of the chancel area. When you have received the bread, please return to your seat and then consume it. Receiving the sacrament "in one kind only," as we are doing today, is considered by the Church to be a full communion. (Please note that the members of our online congregation are aware of the distribution of communion; we are making efforts to deliver the sacrament to the homes of those in our community who request it.)

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Rev. Libby Berman

The Final Hymn: #105: "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"

The congregation may sing along quietly, as Chris Suzuki and Lorraine Yamamoto lead this hymn.

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brough tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.”

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude

Lorraine Yamamoto

Joy to the World, (arranged by David Chernien)

Flower Dedications

In dedication of Family & Friends

In honor of Elizabeth Atmore

In honor of Irene Domecki

In honor of Michael Domecki

In honor of Rita Wasilewska

In honor of Alina Zeranski

In honor of Ludwig Zeranski

In honor of Maria Rawicz-Szcerbo

In honor of Waldemar Rawicz-Szcerbo

by Doug & Alison Kittle

by Rosemary Domecki

Ministry Team for Today’s Service: thank you!

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AND
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 at 9AM (in person & on Zoom)**

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MELE KALIKI MAKA TO ONE AND ALL!**

